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FIGHTING AT PORT ARTHUR

Japs Begin Assault on the Last Lines of the Fortress.

TAKE TRENCHES AT DAWN

Battleships Disabled by Shell Fire—General Kuroki Reports a Three-Mile Advance—General Oka in Action—Damage Done to the Russian Fortifications.

Tokio, Japan.—Dispatches filed at 9 a. m. from the third army headquarters before Port Arthur announce that a general engagement on the eastern side of the intrenchments began at dawn. The Russian forces, strongly reinforced, made a desperate effort to retain the remaining ridges connecting Port Arthur proper with the old forts south of the fortress leading to Golden Hill. On this side of the city it is estimated that one-half the Russian forces, probably 40,000 in all, were fighting, and as the position was well fortified, positions, protected by gun fire from Golden Hill, it was the opinion here that the engagement, as announced from General Nogai's headquarters, might take the form of a continuous battle until the Russians were forced into the extreme edge of the promontory south of the fortress.

In the two bulletins from General Nogai's headquarters is the announcement that all the center ditches south of the Kellman Mountains and running along the ridges to Rudin Mountain were taken after an hour's fighting one hour after sunrise. There is the further announcement that the Japanese column in the Etsze hills advanced to the first line of trenches facing White Wolf Hill, and that before dawn they had taken the position on the ridges directly across the bay from Tiger's Tail. The Japanese guns shelled the parapets and inflicted heavy damage.

A bulletin reported that the battleship Potayev was hit three times by shells, once below the water line, and was towed at nightfall to the north of Tiger's Tail. The Japanese guns shelled the parapets and inflicted heavy damage.

Dispatches were received, and posted from General Kuroki's headquarters, place not stated, announcing that the Japanese recent advance had been three miles. The resistance of the Russian forces in front was only of a general character. Small detachments of Russians have invariably attacked the Japanese outposts before dawn, always retreating to intrenched positions. The dispatch did not indicate where General Kuroki's army was, but that it was closely in touch with the central army under General Nodzu, is shown by the fact that the bulletin says Russian artillery for three days has shelled positions of the central army, but without success. The story from the field closes with the announcement that few casualties have resulted from the daily rifle fire.

COLLISION IN BURNING FOREST.

Engineers Blinded and Trains Hit on Iron Mountain Road.

Hoxie, Ark.—In the dense smoke from forest fires that obscured objects twenty feet ahead, the Hot Springs Special, on the Iron Mountain Railroad, ran into a freight train as the freight was taking a siding at Swifton, twenty miles south of here.

H. Wells, fireman of the passenger train, was burned to death. A Degrie, engineer of the special, and four passengers were seriously injured, and fifteen others were slightly hurt. The passenger locomotive was demolished, and three coaches and ten freight cars were burned.

CZAR SEES PETITIONERS.

St. Petersburg Surprised at His Receiving Zemstvos' Representatives.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—It became known here that the czar had received in audience four prominent representatives of the Zemstvos, who have appealed for reform, including practically a constitutional assembly.

The news created surprise, but sober-minded men point out that it does not mean that the czar will yield on any point.

GERMANY IS PLEASED.

The State Department received from Germany a cordial acceptance of President Roosevelt's suggestion of a second Peace Conference at The Hague.

Mrs. Noble Exonerated.

The coroner's jury at Long Island City returned a verdict that Mr. Paton Noble killed her husband accidentally.

North Sea Inquiry Signed.

The North Sea inquiry treaty was signed at St. Petersburg.

Fleet at Port Said.

A division of the Russian second Pacific squadron arrived at Port Said.

Annual Message Completed.

The President has completed his annual message to Congress.

Attacked Football.

Dr. Andrew S. Draper, before a meeting of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association, at Boston, Mass., attacked football as the game is played at present, and suggested reforms for saving the game.

Saved Fellow Passenger.

Cabin passengers on the Baltic congratulated Mrs. E. King, an immigrant who had lost her money, and saved her and her nine children from deportation.

GREAT LAKE NAVAL DEPOT

New Training Station Established at Lake Bluff, Ill.

After Long Discussion Congress Approves of Plan to Train Raw Recruits on the Great Lakes—Treaty With England.

Washington, D. C.—Lake Bluff, Ill., will be the site of a new naval training station for which Congress has appropriated \$250,000. A board consisting of Captain W. H. Reeder, William M. Bradley and H. M. Waite, after having toured the great lakes, hearing the claims as to the qualifications of a dozen cities and towns, decided that from the standpoint of accessibility, healthfulness and topography, Lake Bluff is the most desirable location. They so reported to President Roosevelt. He approved the report.

Nothing now remains except for the citizens of Chicago, Ill., to carry out their intention to transfer the necessary ground, valued at \$175,000, to the Navy Department, which will proceed to dredge the harbor and erect the buildings necessary for the housing and training of from 2000 to 3000 naval recruits.

Secretary Morton has no further announcement to make regarding the navy's policy in this direction. It is probable, however, that steps will soon be taken toward an agreement with Great Britain whereby fairly large training ships will be sent to the great lakes with the naval recruits from this station.

The Rush-Bagot treaty, concluded in 1816, now limits the naval representation of the United States on the Great Lakes to one man-of-war. The old Michigan is that ship. It is not expected that much difficulty will be met in seeking a more liberal interpretation of the treaty.

The first suggestion of the establishment of a naval training station on the Great Lakes came from a naval recruiting office at Chicago, who observed the large number of young men recruited for the service from Chicago in the Middle West. With Lake Michigan so close at hand, he regarded Chicago as an ideal point of concentration for training.

Although the recruits trained at this station may find themselves dubbed "fresh water jacks" when they report aboard the fleets in a real ocean, they will get every bit of practical experience sailing the waters of the Great Lakes that they would if they were sent to the naval training station at Newport, R. I., or at San Francisco, Cal.

Soon after Congress took up the question, Rear Admiral Taylor, Commander C. McR. Winslow and Civil Engineer H. H. Rosseau were constituted a board to recommend a site for the station. They found that location on the southern half of Lake Michigan would be most convenient to the territory from which it was desired to draw recruits. Lake Bluff was recommended as the point most suited for the location of the station.

Great interest was manifested in this matter. Sandusky, Ont., Racine, Wis., and Erie, Pa., were actively in the lists.

DOG SAVES GIRL FROM BULL.

Fox Terrier Attacks Big Animal and Young Woman Escapes.

Eagle Point, Pa.—There is a diminutive fox terrier with snappy brown eyes, a short tail and a pair of nicely trimmed ears at the home of Miss Annie Stein, seventeen years old, that is the object of much consideration.

Miss Stein has one arm bound in a sling, but with the other she pets the terrier. For the little dog saved her life.

There is a bull on the Stein farm—big, cross and always looking for trouble. Seeing Miss Stein walking through a field, wearing a red coat, the bull came charging down upon her. He caught the girl on his horns and tossed her high in the air. She fell, breaking her left arm.

The terrier was trotting quietly along with his mistress when the bull charged. He leaped at the bull and his teeth closed tight over the animal's right ear. Every ounce of terrier strength and persistency was in that grip, and the bull became so disconcerted that he forgot the prostrate girl and tried to break the dog's hold.

Meanwhile Miss Stein managed to scale a fence. When she was safe the terrier let go and cleared the fence after her.

HAWAIIAN QUEEN HERE.

Former Queen Liliuokalani arrived in San Francisco, Cal., from Hawaii on her way to Washington for the winter.

Fire at the Fair.

A slight fire in the New York State Building at the St. Louis Exposition caused hurried exit from the place of twenty persons.

More Foreign Treaties.

An arbitration treaty with Switzerland was signed by Secretary Hay, and one with Germany.

Attempts to Dynamite.

Attempts were made to dynamite foundries in Cincinnati and Newport, Ky., where strikes are in progress.

Improvements in Macedonia.

Austrian official reports show much improvement in Macedonia during the year.

Home Capital in Canada.

Mr. E. S. Christon, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, who has just been re-elected president of the Canadian Bankers' Association, at an interview stated that money was never better than at present.

Denies Yellow Fever Report.

The Cuban Department of Health and Sanitation denied that there were any cases of yellow fever in Cuba.

JAPANESE HELD BY FIRE

Were Repulsed by the Czar's Troops in Manchuria.

FIVE HUNDRED LOST IN ATTACK

Whole Country Between the Two Armies is a Waste, Not a Single Dwelling Being Left Standing—Both Sides Occupy Strongly Fortified Positions, and Both Have Lost Heavily.

Zandagay, Manchuria (by Courier to Mukden).—The Japanese lost 500 men in the attacks of November 17 and 18, and were evidently disheartened. On November 19 they sent out several battalions from Double Humped Hill, but their movements lacked decision. The Russians opened fire from Pointoff Hill and a neighboring eminence. Several shells burst in the midst of the advancing Japanese columns and quickly checked them. The Japanese also tried a turning operation at Chalinidza, but there also they were dispersed.

There was a slight encounter November 20. Russian scouts penetrated a short distance into the Japanese lines, but without much result. During the last two days the Chinese have been moving in large numbers from the east to the northward, taking their wives, children and household goods in order to save them from the Japanese. They say that the whole country between the Russian and Japanese lines is a waste, not a single dwelling being left standing. Earth dwellings shelter the soldiers comfortably.

Mukden.—Both armies occupied such strongly fortified positions that neither appear inclined to attack, though the Japanese probably have the more available troops. Their superior mobility was lately shown by the activity of their centre. Both armies were being reinforced about equally.

On account of repeated reports that the Japanese intended to give battle on November 19 the attack on Pointoff Hill on the night of the 18th was believed to be the signal for a general advance, and consequently the entire Russian army began hostilities both east and west of Pointoff Hill. The Japanese arrived within fifty yards of the Russian trenches, but there the Russian fire was too deadly for them and they had to fall back. Next morning disclosed about eighty Japanese dead, which the Russians buried later. The Japanese carried off 200 wounded. The Russians lost half a dozen men in the trenches.

The Russians continue daily to shell the Japanese position at Linshuepu.

THIEF CAUGHT BY AUTO.

Wounds a Cashier in Platte Center, Neb., and Rides Away.

Platte Center, Neb.—William E. Holden, a farmhand, during the noon hour entered the Platte Valley Bank, demanded the bank's cash, and on the refusal of Cashier Barney Schroeder to surrender he shot the latter in the breast, inflicting a serious but not mortal wound. He made his escape in a buggy without securing any money. Holden was captured by Sheriff Carrig, after the robber had fired at his pursuers.

The Sheriff took up the pursuit in an automobile, the posse accompanying him on horseback. Holden was pressed hard about nine miles west of this city and overhauled. He took a close range shot at Charles C. Englehorn, whose horse shied and threw Englehorn into a barbed wire fence, where he received severe injuries. The prisoner was brought back to Platte Center and Sheriff Carrig had heard word to save him from mob violence. He was positively identified by Schroeder, even though he had changed his clothing and removed a glass eye that was wearing when he did the shooting.

Holden says his home is in Michigan. He is about thirty-five years old.

FIGHT ON EMPIRE STATE.

Passengers Frightened by a Row Between Four New Yorkers.

Albany, N. Y.—Four men who got aboard the Empire State Express at Buffalo got into a row in the smoking car shortly after the train left Syracuse the other afternoon. A pistol was drawn, a shot was fired, and a reign of terror existed for some time among the passengers.

Two of the men who described themselves as William and J. B. Riley, of New York City, brothers, were finally bundled into the baggage car, where two of the train hands sat upon them until the train reached this city. The other two, who said they were Frank Eisman, an electrician of Brooklyn, and Thomas A. Gardner, of New York City, were held down by passengers.

Detectives took the four men from the train and locked them up on the charge of vagrancy.

RAILROAD MEN SHOT.

Thirty Shots Fired Over the Mine Barricade at Zeigler, Ill.

Quincy, Ill.—Thirty shots were fired from ambush about noon over the mine barricade at Zeigler. Nothing further than this can be learned, the men there refusing to give details.

It is believed by the Illinois Central Railroad employees who were doing switching there at the time that a number were wounded.

Skeleton in Trial.

A skeleton was produced at Nan Peterson's trial in New York City. Dr. O'Haulon showed with a long needle the course of the bullet that killed Caesar Young.

Submarines For Japan.

Five submarine boats arrived at Yokohama, Japan. It is stated that they comprise the first contingent of fifty Holland boats that have been ordered in the United States.

BOY PARALYZED BY HAZING

San Francisco, Cal. Students Torture Fellow Student.

Youth is Stripped After Fierce Fight and Bound to Metal Chair When Electricity is Applied in Force.

San Francisco, Cal.—The brutal hazing of Albert T. De Rome, a student at the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art here, is the sensation of the moment. All cruelties practised at other hazings pale in comparison with those to which De Rome was subjected. The perpetrators are to be at once brought to criminal trial.

De Rome is paralyzed from the hips down, and he supports himself with a cane as he drags his feet along. The students call the torture to which De Rome was subjected the "muscle dance," and the effect was produced by shocking the victim with electricity. The fun consisted in watching the involuntary twitching of the muscles under the violent electric impulses. The hazing was in a musky, vile smelling attic at No. 411 Clay street. It was only after the lad had refused to take certain obscene rows, and when all other methods ordinarily used in college hazing had been vainly exhausted.

De Rome, after a terrible beating, was suddenly bound to a chair with a metal seat—a chair in imitation of the electrocution instrument. His body was fly papered and painted. Queer masks were put upon him. He was made ridiculous. His tormentors laughed in savage glee.

Then the electric current was turned on the chair. The shock caused De Rome to writhe. As the victim's legs quivered and kicked convulsively shrieks of merriment came from the infuriated.

When the mirth was at its height it was suddenly stopped. The boy was avoiding contact with the disks. He had ceased to writhe.

Then, to make certain that he should not escape the full force of the electricity, De Rome was tightly strapped down to the seat and the current was repeatedly turned on again. The electric ordeal lasted for two hours and a half.

De Rome says that after the first two hours he ceased to feel the pain, and his legs worked under the deadly current, with the automatic movement seen in the limbs of a dead frog when touched with the two poles of an electric battery for anatomical experiments.

WOMAN SHOTS HER RIVAL.

Then Kills Herself on Car When Police Are About to Arrest Her.

Birmingham, Ala.—Mrs. John Kiser, wife of an engineer on the Alabama Great Southern Railroad, went to Woodlawn, a suburb, early in the evening and called Miss Nellie Edwards, a well-known young lady of the place, to the door. When the latter appeared Mrs. Kiser shot at her twice, one of the bullets taking effect in her breast.

A telephone message was sent to the city to the Police Department to inspect Mrs. Kiser, who was on an incoming electric car. Officers Dishermon and Hay went out to Twenty-sixth street and boarded the car, on which were several passengers. As the officers got on Mrs. Kiser saw them. She placed the pistol to her breast and fired two shots. One of the bullets entered her stomach and the other went near her heart. She died in a few minutes.

Mrs. Kiser was married but a month or so ago. It seems that she was in love with Miss Edwards, and decided to kill her.

SHOTS AT LEITER'S CARRIAGE.

His Attorney, H. R. Platt, Who Was in the Carriage, Returns the Fire.

Benton, Ill.—At 7 o'clock in the evening H. R. Platt, of Chicago, Ill., attorney for Joseph Leiter, was fired upon from ambush. William Browning drove Joseph Leiter from Zeigler to West Frankfort to catch the north-bound train for Chicago. At West Frankfort he found H. R. Platt, who returned with Mr. Browning to Zeigler after dark.

When about half way to Zeigler three men stepped from behind a church and fired twenty-five shots at Platt and Browning. Attorney Platt returned the fire, but it is not known whether his shots took effect. Mr. Platt, it is said, fired at the flashes of the guns.

This is the fifth time in the town of Zeigler that men entering it have been fired upon. The Sheriff seems unable to cope with the situation.

It is thought by some that the shots were intended for Leiter.

Seventeen Men Perish.

The Swedish steamer Bur, from Grimsby, England, foundered at the entrance of Arko Sund. The entire crew, numbering seventeen men, perished.

Ex-Champion Is Dead.

"Jimmy" Michaels, former champion bicycle rider, died suddenly on the French line steamship Savoie while on his way to New York City.

Tried to Wreck Trolley.

Attempts were made to wreck a crowded trolley car near Fort Lee, N. J., by piling rocks on the track in dark places.

Grand Duke Has Escape.

According to a special cable dispatch from Naples, the Grand Duke Cyril had a narrow escape while journeying by rail to that city, a rock coming detached from a mountain and striking the side of his car.

Thirteen Milk Adulterers.

Judges of the Court of Special Sessions, in New York City, announced that any one convicted twice of adulterating milk would be sent to prison.

LIFE PRISONER ESCAPES

Recaptured After Hiding Beneath a Wharf Near Sing Sing.

Charles W. Johnson, Murderer of the Brooklyn, N. Y. Miser, Abbott, Attempts Escape From His Guards.

New York City.—Nearly starved and frozen to death, Charles W. Johnson, the life prisoner, who killed "Old Man" Abbott last summer, and escaped from the State Prison at Sing Sing, N. Y., was captured while clinging to a plank, his body half submerged in the water under a pier near the prison, while keepers and detectives were scouring the country between Sing Sing and Brooklyn.

His sufferings were terrible, and when he was captured by strategy he was so weak from exposure that he could not stand and had to be carried to the prison hospital.

There the doctor said the man's condition would probably make the life term very short and carry him off with pneumonia.

Johnson was in such a terrible state that he could not answer any questions as to how he escaped, and even the replies that he made were in keeping with the general report that he is insane.

"He is the shrewdest insane man I ever saw," said the warden, "and as the song says, he is a wise old guy." Johnson was caught late at night. Warden Johnson knew that as an convict he would be familiar with prison signals. Warden Johnson, confident of the watchfulness of the guards, was satisfied that when Johnson disappeared he found a hiding place somewhere near. A close search failed to disclose the hiding place.

The outside guards had failed to find and those in the inside and towers had not seen Johnson clear the prison wall. Warden Johnson gave instructions to the prison engineer to give the signals to call off the guards on the outside, believing that Johnson would understand them and make a break for liberty. The engineer sounded the whistle, but the guards kept their posts. Not so with Johnson.

Principal Keeper Connaughton was watching just outside the south wall, and about fifteen minutes after the calling in signal had been given a white body was seen climbing from the river the pier near the end.

The figure of a man was clearly outlined in the electric light, and when he reached the freight platforms he fell forward on his face. Connaughton and the guards fell on him, but it was needless.

The man was Johnson. He was nearly frozen. He could not speak or move. He was nearly nude. Upon the top of his head was strapped a bundle containing his prison clothes and some underwear. Johnson was carried to the prison.

An examination of the hiding place of Johnson under the pier showed that the only way he could keep out of sight was to keep his body nearly submerged. With the temperature about at the freezing point, it is considered marvellous that the man kept alive for two days.

Warden Johnson said that Johnson had escaped from Elmira and had been shot in the leg by a keeper.

BIG FIRE IN EUFULA.

Mayor Calls Out the Militia to Protect Goods Moved Into the Street.

Mobile, Ala.—Fire at Eufaula, Ala., at an early hour destroyed a fine block of buildings, and the loss is estimated at \$500,000. The Fire Department worked until nearly noon to extinguish the blaze.

On account of the valuable goods moved into the street the Mayor ordered out the militia. The Eufaula fire responded promptly, but were at a disadvantage, as their armory and all their guns and equipment were destroyed. The loss is partly covered.

DROUTH TIES UP PITTSBURG.

Stagnant Water Froths When Heated, Making Engines Helpless.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The railroads in Pittsburg announced that they were unable to move more than one-half their freight. The long drouth is said to have been the cause, as the engines were unable to get fresh water for their locomotives. The stagnant water froths when heated in the boilers and engines are quickly made helpless.

Draga's Jewels to Be Sold.

The jewels and costumes of the late Queen Draga of Serbia will be sold at auction in London, Eng., on December 8, and the sale promises to excite great interest.

Senator Platt Gives Breakfast.

Senator Platt gave his "buckwheat breakfast" in Oswego, N. Y., to celebrate the election of President Roosevelt.

Steamer Goes Ashore.

The ocean steamer Sicilian Prince losing her bearings in the fog ran a-sound off Long Beach, L. I., with 612 souls aboard.

General di Cesnola Dead.

General Louis P. di Cesnola, director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, died.

Charges Against Japan.

General Balashoff, head of the Red Cross at Port Arthur, charged the Japanese with violation of the Geneva Convention.

Chinese Bandits Rising.

It was reported at Harbin that 3000 Chinese bandits under Japanese leaders were moving to cut the railway below Tie Pass.

MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK

WASHINGTON.

Over 10,000 persons heard the President speak at the celebration of the 10th anniversary of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Washington.

The President offered Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, a place on either the Panama Canal Commission or the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Secretary of the Treasury announced that he would require those national banks which have on deposit Federal moneys the security for which is State or municipal bonds to substitute for those bonds either United States bonds, Philippine certificates or friar land bonds.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

Few disturbances of any sort have been reported from the Philippines, and it is believed that the recent rebellion is now well under control.

DOMESTIC.

Secretary Taft sailed from New Orleans, La., for Panama.

The Sicilian Prince, with 541 immigrants aboard, went aground on Long Beach, L. I.

Hugh S. Thompson, twice Governor of South Carolina, died after a long illness.

A lake coal steamer was burned off Sandusky, Ohio, the crew escaping half clothed.

Three highwaymen held up an armless man in New York City and robbed him of \$350.

The New Haven road, it was announced, is hastening the work on its improvements to cost \$200,000, as much as possible.

A man supposed to be insane was arrested for disturbing the services in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City.

An employee of a transfer agency in Louisville, Ky., confessed to stealing jewels worth \$20,000 from Mrs. Holley.

Governor-elect Higgins returned to his home in Olean, N. Y., from Cambridge Springs, Pa. His health was reported to have been recovered.

Policeman Larkin, of New York City, had a desperate battle with a large St. Bernard dog in the dark under a house, and was severely bitten before killing the animal.

Miss Sara Tracey left nearly a million dollars to Bishop Donahue, of Wheeling, W. Va., for an industrial school and two orphan asylums.

Sheriff Branger, of New York, will invite a thousand lawyers to co-operate with him in framing a bill for the Legislature to do away with imprisonment for debt in Judlow street jail.

President Roosevelt expects to attend the reunion of the Rough Riders at Fort Worth, Tex., next spring.

Three non-union glass workers, going to Elwood, Ind., to take the places of strikers, were badly beaten at Alexandria, Ind.

Eleven Japanese and six Chinese have been denied a landing at San Francisco, Cal., because afflicted with trachoma.

Scientific members of the American Geographical Society are forming a new organization.

The crew of the brig C. C. Sweeney were rescued and brought into Philadelphia, Pa., after having been lashed in the rigging for twenty-four hours.

An advance in the price of building supplies has been agreed upon by the Southern Yellow Pine, Sash, Door, and Blind Manufacturers' Association.

Professor Chittenden, of Yale University, published the results of dietary experiments conducted by him upon an extensive scale.

Colonel Henry Watterson, of Louisville, Ky., and editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, and his family sailed from New York City, for Europe.

Dr. Charles W. Dabney was inaugurated president of the University of Cincinnati.

Lizzie Jacobson, of New York City, fifteen years old, was arrested on many complaints that she has been systematically robbing houses where she would hire out as a nurse.

Four men were asphyxiated by escaping gas in gas works at Dover, N. J.

Colonel Frank J. Hecker resigned as a member of the Panama Canal Commission. The President accepted his resignation.

FOREIGN.

An arbitration treaty between the United States and Germany was signed.

A national elective body, having power to make laws, control revenue and determine the legality of the Administration's actions is asked for by the representatives of the Russian provincial councils.

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Well Done Good and Faithful Servants.

It is indeed gratifying and aspir-
ing to see such men as L. J. Car-
den, John H. Robertson and L. R.
Kendrick in retiring from office,
carrying with them the love, re-
spect and confidence of their fellow
men; they have been faithful in
the discharge of the responsibili-
ties that rested upon them. The
people were not deceived in elect-
ing them to office, they remained
true to their political convictions,
and we are gratified that in re-
tiring to private life they carry with
them the esteem of the Populist
and Republicans, and the respect
of the democrats. They are men of
conviction, and can not be turned
about by every "wind of doctrine."
The most despicable and pitiable
object in the world is a traitor, one
who has betrayed his friends, and
sold his birthright for a mess of
potage, he will go down to his grave
"unwept, unhonored and unsung,"
and the seal of condemnation on
his downcast brow. Proud indeed
should these men be of the heritage
they will leave to their children,
that upon the escutcheon of honor
will be written of them, well done
good and faithful servants.

It is reported that several of the
leading democrats are wanting to
sell out and leave the county since
the election, we hope they will suc-
ceed, such cattle ought to be turn-
ed out to grass, this county would
be better off without them.

Some Republicans with demo-
cratic boodle in their pockets went
over the county saying that the
Populist were not going to vote
for Brasher and Dyke. They can
now go way back and sit down.

The Populists and Republicans
who sold out to the democrats, can
bow their heads in shame, the dem-
ocrats have no further use for them,
and the Populist and Republicans
won't have them.

The Methodist Conference, after
being in session nearly a week in
Talladega, adjourned Tuesday.
The Conference will hold its next
meeting at Athens, Ala.

The Southern Railway ought to
give us better passenger service by
this place—two trains a day, one
each way in the afternoon, and
both always late.

The election is over, but we
should not ground our arms, let
every Populist and Republican pay
his poll tax and be ready for the
fray in 1906.

The farmers are not bluffed in
the way cotton has gone down.
They are going to hold for a better
price—which they will get.

The Sunday edition of the At-
lanta Constitution was a dandy.
It contained 112 pages. Good
enough for one day's work.

It seems that most everybody
in this county is bound for Louisi-
ana or some other State from the
way they are selling out.

And now Frank Dunean has been
shung, and we guess that Birming-
ham will have to start something
else to talk about.

It seems that cotton has taken a
down-hill fall—but look out for
the rise soon.

And President Roosevelt has
been in St. Louis attending the
World's Fair.

Did the Populist vote for the
Republicans on the ticket? Ask
the Sentinel.

Come to Columbiana and grow
up with the town—and you will
prosper.

It seems to us that the electric
lights are quite dim at present.

How about that Christmas tur-
key you promised us?

WATSON STATES HIS POSITION.

Is for the Upbuilding of a Party
of the People.

(Continued from last week.)

"Be that as it may, Mr. Bryan
has no more right at present to say
what the Democratic platform shall
be in 1908 than any other distin-
guished Democrat. For the next 4
years the Democratic creed must
remain that the St. Louis conven-
tion of 1904 made it and the ma-
chinery of the party must remain
in the hands of the men who now
hold it. The air still rings with the
eloquence with which Mr. Bryan
indorsed the candidate of the St.
Louis convention. Spoke of him as
the Moses of Democracy, spoke of
Parker's ideals and proclaimed the
'sincerity' with which he was ad-
vocating both the platform and the
nominee of 1904. Mr. Bryan him-
self will remain for four years as
much bound by the action of the
St. Louis convention as he was when
he made his whirlwind trip through
Indiana. If the action of the con-
vention bound him then it binds
him now. The election did not re-
lease him. He can only be released
by another national convention and
that national convention will not
meet till 1908. Therefore, when
Mr. Bryan cut loose from the plat-
form which he so recently asked
the people to indorse in behalf of
Judge Parker, he takes a position
which is that of Bryan, the individ-
ual, and which cannot bind any
other democrats whatsoever. For
four years the Democratic party
has got to stand by the action of
the St. Louis convention whether
they wish to do so or not. What
they did there is official and bind-
ing. Mr. Bryan himself gave it his
sanction.

"Again, Mr. Bryan has no sub-
stantial reason for believing that
he can ever get the national Demo-
cratic party to adopt the Populist
programme which he has just for-
mulated. The Democratic party
never did do it, and the presump-
tion is that it never will. The plu-
toocratic element has just as much
power within the party now as it
had when the St. Louis convention
met. Indeed, it has more. It has all
the machinery now which the Bryan
men had; it has the same control
over the newspapers which it had
then. Therefore it is as certain as
anything can be that they will be
able to again defeat Mr. Bryan in
the national convention when he
comes before it with his Populist
platform. Suppose, however, that
he should be victorious over them
in the national convention. Can
they not knife him just as success-
fully as they did in 1896? It is not
absolutely certain that they are
just as much joined to their idols
now as they were then? Will they
not be as desperate and as unscrup-
ulous in knifeing their own tick-
et as they were in 1896? Every ar-
gument based upon human nature
says they will. Then, even if Mr.
Bryan should win the nomination
on his Populist platform in 1908,
the plutocratic element in his own
party will bar his progress and
compass his defeat just as they did
before. Again, suppose that the
plutocratic element should triumph
over Mr. Bryan in 1908, as they did
in 1904, then Mr. Bryan will have
to submit, just as he did submit in
1904—after having declared pub-
licly and positively that he would
never support a gold standard nom-
inee of the Democratic party. Mr.
Bryan could not bolt in 1908. The
time to have done that was in 1904.
That opportunity will not return.
He himself has set the example of
submitting to what was wrong, be-
cause, although it was wrong, it
was regular.

"In short, the Democratic party
has this hopeless situation. The
Bryanites cannot drive out the plu-
toocratic element. The plutocratic
element cannot drive out Mr. Bryan.
They exhaust their strength with
internal struggles, leaving the party
where its enemies can always
defeat it at the polls. There is this
further weakness in the program
of Mr. Bryan. The plutocratic ele-
ment has shown that it can safely
defy him and combat him although
he is the nominee, whereas he sub-
mits to them when they put up a
plutocratic nominee. From a party
so hopelessly divided, it is the
rankest folly, in my judgment, to
expect any reforms. From year to
year it is a dreary go round and
round of one faction fighting an-
other faction, each of which alter-
nately whips the other and neither
of which ever whips the enemy.

"I should only be too glad to co-
operate in parallel lines and hon-
orable terms with any Jeffersonian
Democrat like Mr. Bryan or Mr.
Hearst, or Geo. Fred Williams to
accomplish a purpose which is com-
mon to us all, but I believe the
best way to assure the final success
of the reform movement is for us
to build up a party of Jeffersonian
Democracy on solid foundations
where unity of sentiment goes hand
in hand with unity of purpose and
where, thereof, some hope of ac-
complishing that which we wish to
accomplish can be reasonably en-
tertained.

"In the South there are peculiar
reasons why the present policy of
the Democratic leaders should be
defeated and a better line of policy
adopted. For the last twenty-five
or thirty years the Democratic ma-
chine politicians have made that

great section a mere tool in the
hands of Wall street and a hand-
ful of Eastern Democrats who have
no purpose in common with us and
who use the electoral vote of the
solid South for their own selfish
purposes. In this manner our South-
ern country, which is an empire in
itself, has been made a province
for a few great financial magnates
who exploit it for their private gain
without the slightest reference to
the welfare of the Southern people.
The situation is pitiable. The de-
gradation of it finds expression in
the phrase, "The solid South would
vote for a yellow dog on the Demo-
cratic ticket." As a Southern man,
I am ashamed of such a state of
affairs and resent it profoundly.
If I can do anything toward ac-
complishing the political independ-
ence of my own people from this
slavish servitude to a handful of
Wall street politicians I consider
it a duty to do so.

"If the People's party had no
other mission than to relax the
grasp which the great railway cor-
porations have upon the commer-
cial throat of the Southern states,
a grasp which is maintained by the
alliance between the Democratic
bosses and Wall street financial
kings, then it would have sufficient
mission to warrant its continued
existence. My own state of Geo-
gia is as completely under the
thumb of Morgan and Belmont, one
of whom controls the Southern
Railway combine, the other of whom
controls the Louisville & Nashville
combine, as the state of Pennsylv-
ania is under the control of the
Pennsylvania railroad or the state
of Wisconsin is under the control
of those corporations which La
Follette has won national fame in
combating.

"The situation is simply appal-
ling and would not be believed by
anybody who was not conversant
with the facts. I expect to return
home and open a campaign on the
lines of Jeffersonian Democracy
to take our state government out
of the control of Morgan and Bel-
mont and put it in the control of
the Georgia people, where it be-
longs.

"In nearly every Southern state
there is a similar contest to be
waged against corporation tyranny.
By the time the next presidential
election rolls around there is every
reason to believe that there will be
sufficient sentiment in favor of the
reform principles which are embod-
ied in the national platform of
the People's party to win a suc-
cess at the polls. It all depends up-
on work which is done in the years
between now and then. I expect to
do my share of it, that is all I say
at present. I will, however, repeat
that I have not purchased or rent-
ed a home in New York or any-
where else, and do not expect to do
so. My home is in Thompson, Ga.,
in a region which my ancestors set-
tled 150 years ago, and it is there
that my home will be to the end.

"Am I discouraged? By no means.
I began with nothing, worked three
months and got half a million votes.
The men who followed me are men
of conviction, earnest, enthusias-
tic, united. Parker started out
with 7,000,000 votes and lost some
2,000,000 in the campaign. Those
who followed him are demoralized
and disheartened. The Democratic
camp is the place where that is to
be found.

"THOMAS E. WATSON."

Summer Hill.

It seems like Tom and Joe have quit
writing, and Aunt Sue will write a
little.

Rev. Joe Busby filled his regular
appointment here Saturday and Sun-
day, he was assisted Sunday by Rev.
Geo. Crumpton.

Charlie Jones and family visited
relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Lee and family have moved to
our community. We welcome Mr. Lee
here.

Quite a number of people from Shel-
by Springs attended services here
Sunday.

Ronda Price, of Columbiana, visited
homefolks Sunday.

Jess Lyons, of La., is visiting friends
and relatives here.

Mrs. Mary Connell and children are
visiting relatives here.

Mr. Brooks and family is visiting
relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, and Mr. and
Mrs. Finley and Miss Willie Branch,
of Nelson, visited here Sunday.

Mr. Wells is building him a new
dwelling house.

Miss Bonnie Bearden was on the
sick list last week.

Mr. Chapel and family, of Sycamore,
visited relatives here last week.

Thanksgiving passed off very quietly.
AUNT SUE.

BE QUICK.

Not a minute should be lost when a
child shows symptoms of croup. Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy gives us soon
as the child becomes hoarse, or even
after the croupy cough appears, will
prevent the attack. It never fails, and
is pleasant and safe to take. For sale
by Williams Bros.

Big Beeswax.

Hog killing weather has come at
last and I'm glad of it for I shore do
want some shortening bread.

W. B. Crumpton and family spent
Saturday and Sunday with relatives
near Harpersville.

J. A. Holmes and wife, of near Shel-
by, spent Sunday with Coleman Farr
and family of this place.

William Walton and family left Sun-
day for Oklahoma their future home.

Rankie Browning has rented out
his mill to Jas. Elliott, guess the cus-
tom will go up now.

Just read the Sentinel's pitiful talk,
it will freeze you.

THE GREAT VALUES

AT OUR WHOLESALE AND RETAIL STORES !!

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL YOU

How great the values really are, which we are now prepared to offer you in FALL and WINTER'S very Newest and Latest Merchandise

For Cash, which is the most clear-cut way to trade we know of, and by which we gained our reputation for selling Reliable Goods at Low Prices. And it becomes our duty as good merchants and the Largest Cotton Buyers In This Section to help you make every dollar Count.

Our square deals of the past have established the fact that we are Truly the Working Mans Friend and the Farmers Protector.

Just Look Over Some Items and Remember That We Present Facts, Not Fairy Tales, In Our Advertisements.

SOME ATTRACTIVE OFFERINGS IN CLOTHING.

Men's Black Clay Worsted suits at \$2.98.

Men's all Wool Cashmer suits, \$8.50 kind at \$5.50.

Men's Fancy Worsted suits, \$12.50 and \$15.00 values at \$9.98.

Boy's heavy Cashmer suits, \$2.50 kind at \$1.48.

Boy's Buster Brown suits, the latest fad, at \$2.48, worth \$4.00.

50 Boy's knee suits, viz: 3 to 17, worth \$1.50, at 98 cents.

Better quality from \$1.25 to \$5.00

250 pairs knee pants, worth 50 cents, at 22 cents.

150 pairs knee pants, worth 60 cents to \$1.00, at 48 cents.

JACKETS, COATS and CAPE!

Ladies' Melton Jackets; Colors, Castor Navy and Black, well tailored, \$4.00 and \$5.00 goods, at \$2.98.

50 Ladies' Tourist Jackets, full lengths, in all colors, at all prices. These have just arrived by express and are fine Great Values.

Childrens Reefur Jackets in all sizes and colors, at Lowest Prices.

25 Samples of Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits at one-half their actual value.

Ladies' Walking Skirts of every shade and color. The \$1.50 and \$2.00 quality at 98 cents.

Dress Goods Department.

One yard-wide Domestic, per yard 5 cents.

Apron Gingham, good quality, at 44 cents.

One yard wide shirting Percale at 74 cents.

One yard Sea Gland Dress Percale; others sell them from 12 1/2 to 15 cents, our price per yard 10c.

Ladies' gray fleece ribbed Vests, 25c grade at 15c.

Ladies' cream fleece ribbed Vests, 40 and 50 cent grade at 24 cents.

Ladies' union ribbed Suits, 40 and 50 cent grade at 30 cents.

Childrens union Suits, full line, all sizes, 40 and 50 cent grades, at 24 cents.

Ladies' Merceized Black Silk drop skirts sell the world over for 75 cents; our price 48 cents.

Another lot that sells for \$1.25; our price 88 cents.

Another lot, the best grade sells for \$2.25; our price \$1.38.

Double width Worsted, all colors, 15 and 20 cent quality, at 10 cents.

One lot double and single widths in Gray only, worth from 12 1/2 to 20 cents; it goes in this sale at 7 1/2 cents.

All kinds of Ladies' best Dress Goods in all shades and colors, which we have reduced at savings to you of 40 to 50 per cent.

Big lot of Window Curtain seracs, 10 cent kind to close out at 4 1/2 cents in this sale.

Best dress calico at 4 1/2 cents per yard.

HATS! HATS! HATS!

Beautiful Tailored and Walking Hats—the Latest.

Ladies' velvet trimmed Hats, our competitor's price \$3.00 and \$3.50; our price \$1.58.

Shirt Waist Hat from 25 cents to \$3.00.

250 Men's sample Hats, Black, Brown and Tan, closing out at a savings to you of 50 per cent.

Big lot of flannel and silk shirt waists to close out at big savings to you.

Reliable Merchandise

At Reasonable Prices have built our business, and are responsible for its constant and rapid growth. No sensational methods, no exaggeration, no misrepresentation. Our customer's welfare is always carefully guarded. We cannot give you a correct idea of the great scope of bargains. You must come and see for yourself to fully realize its extent.

Top Shirts and Under Shirts.

Good heavy Jersey overshirts, 50 and 75 cent kind at 39 cents.

Good heavy Jersey overshirts, 75 cent and \$1.00 kind at 58 cents.

Boy's fleeced undershirts, 40 and 50 cent values, at 25 cents.

Men's extra heavy fleeced line undershirts, drawers to match, 50 cent kind, our price 39 cents.

Shoes! Shoes!! Shoes!!!

100 pairs Men's high top brogans, \$1.25 kind, at 98 cents.

100 pairs Men's high top brogans, \$1.50 kind, at \$1.25.

\$800 worth of Shoes to close out at 75 cents on the dollar. Now is the time to shoe yourself. You will find shoes here for you and your family.

Furniture, Wagons, Groceries, Etc.

We also carry a big lot of Furniture, Trunks, Hardware, Harness, Saddles, Rock Hill Buggies, Studebaker and Florence, one and two-horse Wagons, Mattings, Carpets, Rugs, Shot Guns, Heavy Staple Groceries, on which we can save you money.

We are sole Agents for Famous B. KUPPENHEIMER & CO'S, Men's Clothing and the well known Hanan & Son's Shoes, and J. B. Stetson Hats, which were carefully selected for fashion and style.

We Own a Fire-Proof Warehouse and Farmers Can Store Their Cotton Free of Charge at their Own Risk.

COLUMBIANA MERCANTILE COMPANY,

Double Stores, Columbiana, Ala.

Hon. J. L. Webb, President Home office—Athens, Ga. John A. Dorwin, Sec & Treas.

THE SHELBY COUNTY DIVISION OF The Mutual Life Industrial Association OF GEORGIA.

PROTECTION AT HOME FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

DIRECTORS:

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The Poor Man's Friend.

Insurance at actual cost. Insurance that suits the masses. Insurance for men and women from sixteen to sixty. One thousand members constitute a Division. One thousand dollars the limit of Policy. Money kept at home in your local bank. Paid to the member that dies as soon as satisfactory proof of death is received at home office. One-fourth of the amount due on the Policy can be paid within twenty-four hours and the remainder in thirty days.

Cost to Join.

Class A—Ages 16 to 30	\$4.00
Class B—Ages 30 to 40	5.00
Class C—Ages 40 to 50	6.00
Class D—Ages 50 to 55	7.00
Class E—Ages 55 to 60	8.00

The above membership fees are paid only one time. Of these amount one dollar shall be placed in the hands of the local Secretary and Treasurer as an advanced assessment to meet the first death loss in above Division.

One year from the date of policy and annually thereafter the annual dues are:

Class A—Ages 16 to 30	\$1.00
Class B—Ages 30 to 40	1.25
Class C—Ages 40 to 50	1.50
Class D—Ages 50 to 55	1.75
Class E—Ages 55 to 60	2.00

When a member dies each policy holder pays to the local Secretary and Treasurer within thirty days, \$1.15. If no death, none needed.

This money is kept at home in your local bank in the hands of the Treasurer of the above division, who is under good and sufficient bond. Paid only as a death claim to members of this particular division. The money goes to help the family of some neighbor who has died, and in this way all is kept at home. INSURANCE adds to your estate, strengthens your credit and gives immediate relief to your family when you die.

INSURANCE that can be carried by any one, from the small wage earner to the banker without burden.

INSURANCE that can be easily understood and appreciated by our home people.

AN UNPARALLELED RECORD—\$4,700,000.00 is the amount of insurance written by the Mutual Life Industrial Association of Georgia in the last six months, ending the 30th day of June, 1904, in the States of Georgia and Alabama.

Average Cost of Insurance to the policy holders throughout the State was \$5.45 a year per thousand. Paid beneficiaries \$21,557.00 during the six months. This is a sworn statement made by this company in its annual report to the insurance commissioner. If you have not a policy in this company, why not? \$5,525,000.00 of business written in May, June, July and August. We lead. Others try to follow. \$2,800,000.00 written September.

Reliable Men Wanted to Represent this Popular Company. Apply to

GEO. M. WEBB, State Agent for Alabama,
2430 5th Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.
or T. A. LEATHERS,
Division Agent, Columbiana, Ala.

First Application written in Shelby County, April 26th, 1904. We haven't had a single death in the Division and all it has cost the policy holders up to this time is their membership fee.

Santa Claus in Town at Our Drug Store.

And until after the glad Christmas time, Santa's headquarters will be at our Place of Business. He has stocked us up with everything and anything you want for the children—the young people and for the aged. Just what you want in

Silverware, Jewelry, Toys, Albums, Vases, Dolls, Cups, Saucers, Toilet Sets, Books for Old and Young, Novelties and Anything for Christmas You Want.

OUR HOLIDAY GOODS ARE NEW

Nothing shabby or old, all fresh and new. We are ready for Christmas because we have made ready for you, and we would like to show you what we have, and we guarantee the prices to be right. The place to buy is at our store. We have the goods you want for Christmas Presents, for

PAPA, MAMA, SON, DAUGHTER,
SISTER, WIFE AND HUSBAND.

Latham Drug Company,

COLUMBIANA, ALA.

Money Saved—Money Made.

I am now located at the D. C. Glenn old stand in Columbiana, and am putting in a Full Line of Staple and Fancy Groceries and will sell at very lowest price possible—FOR CASH. Also a nice line of Shoes that I purchased with the stock will be closed out at cost in order to make room for my groceries. I can save

YOU MONEY,
AND MONEY SAVED IS MONEY MADE.

Call and see me, and get prices before buying elsewhere.

Thos. F. Atkinson,

Columbiana, Alabama.

THE PEOPLES STORE.

Now is the time to buy a Suit of Clothes.
Grand Clearance Sale Beginning November 10th. Everything in

CLOTHING

WILL BE SOLD AT NEW YORK COST.

Call and be Convinced.

R. W. CALLAWAY, MANAGER.

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Birmingham Title & Guaranty Company.

Complete Abstract Of Shelby County.

Abstracts of Title, Certificates of Title,
Titles Guaranteed, A General Title Business.

BEST EQUIPMENTS; SUPERIOR WORK.

Prepared for a Thorough Investigation of Your

TITLE.

Write for Prices and Information.

J. K. BROCKMAN, General Manager, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

NOTICE.

A teacher wanted for school in District No. 5 in Shelby county, known as the Kingdom District. For further information apply to

E. L. Crumpton,
J. T. Acker,
J. A. Holmes,

Trustee,
Columbiana, Ala. R. F. D. No. 1

World's Fair, St. Louis, Mo.

Low excursion tickets sold daily by the Southern Railway; for full information regarding rates, schedules, etc., call on any Southern Railway agent or write

District Passenger Agent,
R. B. CREECH,
Traveling Passenger Agent,
Birmingham, Ala.

Go to the School House, Friday night, December 2, and hear The Harvard Musical Club, its something fine.

The Hammond Millinery Co. are showing entirely new goods. They do an up-to-date business in an up-to-date way. All parties near Longview will do well to call on our agent, Mrs. J. L. Redding at Longview, where we show a line of millinery.

Hammond Millinery Co.
There is hardly anything more useful to a woman than a telephone when she has a secret to keep.

THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

Social and Local News.

Only 24 more days until Christmas.

There was no school Thursday and Friday.

Try hot beef tea at Latham's Drug Store.

R. E. Cosper, of Sterrett, was in town Friday.

G. H. Dykes, of Shelby, was in town Tuesday.

D. A. Cater, of Harpersville, was in town Friday.

H. B. Browning, of beat 3, was in town Monday.

There was not a store closed here on Thanksgiving day.

Hunting is all the go with some of our boys at present.

Miss Ethel Glenn is visiting relatives and friends at Shelby.

Simon Friedberger was in Birmingham Monday on business.

Oliver Brown, of Wilton, was in town Monday visiting friends.

Be sure and go out to hear the Harvard Musical Club Dec. 2.

Circuit Clerk John R. Dyke spent Sunday and Monday at Sterrett.

J. L. Redding, of Longview, visited relatives here last Thursday.

E. W. Burt spent a few days at Collinsville last week on business.

County court adjourned Saturday after being in session five days.

The Harvard Musical Club, Friday night, Dec. 2, at School House.

J. S. Pearson and family have moved to Bridgeton, their future home.

Only one night at School House, December 2, The Harvard Musical Club.

Rev. W. H. Sturdivant, of Bamford, was in town Friday and Saturday.

A. B. Milner, of Collinsville, spent Sunday in the city with his family.

Miss Carrie Rowe returned Sunday from a short visit to friends at Jemison.

Master Alger Robertson visited relatives at Pratt City a few days last week.

Miss Esther Mason visited relatives in Birmingham a few days last week.

Miss Etta Robertson is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. H. Verchot, at Pratt City.

The post office was closed last Thursday on account of Thanksgiving day.

Commissioner's court was in extra session last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. O'Hara visited relatives in Montgomery Sunday and Monday.

George Mansfield, of Birmingham, was in the city Friday and Saturday on business.

J. S. Carden has gone to Aldrich to work as agent for the Southern Railway for a few days.

Remember the date Friday, Dec. 2, The Harvard Musical Club will be at the School House.

Miss Amma Strickland spent several days last week at Pelham with relatives and friends.

George Carter, of beat 9, was in town Saturday, and while here paid his subscription to the Advocate.

Miss Nena Millstead visited relatives at Wilsonville a few days last week, returning home Sunday.

Mrs. L. C. Corcoran and children, of Lodi, Ala., visited relatives in the city Thursday and Friday.

J. R. White returned Friday from Talladega, where he had been attending the Methodist Conference.

In this issue of the Advocate will be found the change in the advertisement of the Latham Drug Company.

Miss Ada Reynolds, of Goodwater, visited her sister, Miss Louise Reynolds, here a few days last week and this.

Mrs. D. A. Cater, after spending several days here with relatives, returned to her home at Harpersville Saturday.

Mrs. A. H. Weaver and Mrs. Charlie Brooks and children returned Sunday from a visit to relatives in Calera.

J. P. Pearson has moved his household goods to Bridgeton, but he and his wife will remain here for a few weeks.

A. P. Longshore, Jr., who is attending Howard College at East Lake, visited homefolks here several days last week.

H. W. Nelson and family moved Monday to the residence vacated by J. P. Pearson and family. Mr. Nelson having purchased the same several weeks ago.

W. A. Davis, of Anniston, was in the city Monday.

B. J. Holcomb, of Calera, was in the city Saturday.

A. W. Strickland is visiting relatives in Birmingham.

Will Hester has gone to Stanton to work for a few days.

J. F. Seale, of Shelby, was in town a short while Tuesday.

Anything in the hot drink line that you want at Latham's Drug Store.

Miss Lewetta Shipley, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is the guest of Mrs. T. Wood.

Mrs. Joe P. Roberts and children are visiting relatives at Sylacauga.

C. P. and L. O. Keith, of Shelby, were among the visitors in town Tuesday.

Mrs. W. G. Parker returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives at Stanton.

Rev. J. T. Morris and wife, of Woodlawn, visited relatives here a few days this week.

E. W. Chapman, of Montevallo, visited relatives in the city Tuesday and Wednesday.

Henry Chapman and wife moved Wednesday to their new residence on East College street.

Go to the sale at T. W. Tinney's Wednesday, December 7th. He will offer you some bargains.

Don't miss hearing The Harvard Musical Club at the School House Friday night, December 2.

Commissioners' Shaw, Griffin and Posey attended Commissioners' Court here Thursday and Friday.

In another column will be found the advertisement of The Mutual Life Industrial Association, of Georgia.

Miss Olive Nelson, who has been attending the Girl's Industrial School at Montevallo, has returned home for a short visit.

There was no preaching at the Methodist church Sunday on account of the pastor, Rev. G. T. Harris, being absent in Talladega.

Miss Mary Rowe, of Dadeville, was the guest of Miss Florence Fallaw Sunday. Miss Rowe was on her way to Dallas, Tex., to visit relatives.

Try the delicious hot drinks at Latham's Drug Store. There is nothing better than a cup of hot coffee, chocolate or tomato Baulon on a cold day.

Rev. G. T. Harris returned Tuesday from Talladega where he had been attending the North Alabama Conference. Rev. Harris was sent back to this circuit by the Conference.

The residence of T. W. Tinney on Shelby street was slightly damaged by fire Monday about one o'clock. The fire started on the roof near the stove flue, but was put out before it had gained much headway.

Mr. W. E. Holcombe, of this place, and Miss Tilla Howell were married at Goodwater, Ala., Thursday morning November 24th, at nine o'clock, Rev. Frank Worris officiating. The Advocate extends congratulations.

In this issue of the Advocate will be found the large advertisement of the Columbiana Mercantile Co. Read their bargains, and when you come to town call around and see them. They are out for business and will treat you right on everything you buy from them.

NOTICE.

The Pension warrants for the old Confederate soldiers and widows, are now ready for delivery; But the warrants can not be delivered to any one but the pensioner, except on a written order.

A. P. Longshore,
Judge of Probate.

REVOLUTION IMMINENT.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious troubles in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upset. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and through effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by Latham Drug Co., and Williams Bros.

NOTICE.

There will be a Singing Convention held at Morriss school house, near East Saginaw, commencing on Saturday, December 3, 9:00 A. M., and continuing until Sunday. Everybody invited to come and bring your song books. Bring your baskets well filled Sunday.

J. A. SHIRLEY,
President of Convention.

A FRIGHTENED HORSE.

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at Latham Drug Co., and Williams Bros.

You are Looking for Goods and Prices! We are Looking for Business and Trade!

IF YOU WILL CALL ON US THERE WILL BE BUSINESS
DONE THAT WILL BENEFIT YOU.

For Fancy Groceries, Breakfast Foods, Can Goods, Cotton Seed Meal and Hulls, Mixed Feed, Fresh Fish, Fresh Oysters, Fresh Sausage, Candies, Cakes, Fruits and All Kind of Table Luxuries, We can Give You at Exceeding Low Prices!

TRY THE CELEBRATED RAVEN FLOUR AND WHITE LILY.

WE ALSO HANDLE SEVERAL OTHER BRANDS OF FLOUR.

Your Produce Will be Bought at Highest Market Prices.

The goods sold you are guaranteed to be fresh and all right, and we mean by this that your money will be refunded if the goods are not just as they are represented!

COME TO SEE US BEFORE BUYING.

GOODS DELIVERED IN TOWN FREE.

ROBERTS & ROBERTSON.

Successor to J. R. White.

W. B. BROWNE,
President.

W. L. FARLEY,
Cashier.

COLUMBIANA SAVINGS BANK.

Statement of Condition July 6, 1904.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts \$ 37,584.41	Capital paid in \$15,000.00
Bank building, fixtures 7,000.00	Deposits 26,013.59
Other Real Estate 3,000.00	Undivided profits 2,936.14
Cash & with other banks 13,710.30	Rediscouts 18,244.98
Total \$61,294.71	Total \$61,294.71

I, W. L. FARLEY, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. FARLEY, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this July 6th, 1904.

J. R. WHITE, Register in Chancery.

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Fourmile News.

People are just about done gathering their crops.

The singing at L. J. Carden's Sunday evening was enjoyed by all present.

Geo. McDonald the R. F. D. carrier, was in our midst Sunday evening.

J. Stone sold out last Saturday to go to Texas his future home.

J. W. Roper went to Yellow Leaf Sunday evening.

Esther Clinckscale and sister, Miss Mertie, visited relatives at Wilsonville Sunday.

W. H. Farr went to Columbiana Saturday.

T. L. Williams, of Spring Creek, visited his brother, Charlie, Friday night.

J. L. Carter spent Friday night in Columbiana.

Phillip Erick and wife spent Sunday evening with L. Riddle.

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I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy.

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Commissioner's Sale.

In pursuance of and in accordance with the terms and directions of a commission issued and addressed to the undersigned by the Hon. A. B. Longshore, Judge of Probate Court of Shelby county, bearing date the 14th day of November, 1904, I will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction in front of the court house door of said county, in Columbiana, Ala., on Monday, the 5th day of December, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described real estate, to-wit:

The north half of the northeast qr., and northeast qr. of the northwest qr., Section 11, Township 20, range 2 west, all in Shelby county, Alabama.

The said land is to be sold under the decree of said court for the purpose of a division between and among the several joint owners thereof, who are as follows: Lewis George E. Baker, Clinton Baker, William D. Baker, James A. Baker, Martha C. Baker, Bertha A. Lawley, William J. Teague, James A. Teague, Alonzo M. Teague, John W. Teague, Melissa A. Teague, Archie M. Richards, Maudie E. Thompson, Mary D. Riley, Dula Perry, Houston Richards, Oustus Richards, Roxie Roach, James Roach, John Roach, George Roach, Houston Roach, Charlie K. Roach, Martha M. Yates, Mary J. Sewell, James Platt, Warren Lawley and William E. Baker.

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12,162,000 BALES

Government Reports Show a Total Production of 12,162,000 Square Bales.

ESTIMATE A BIG SURPRISE.

Cotton Dropped \$2.50 a Bale in Two Minutes.—Panic Followed the Publishing of Report.

New York.—Cotton dropped \$2.50 a bale in less than two minutes Saturday. Brokers in the pit acted like maniacs in their efforts to avert ruin. The whole market was panic stricken. The United States government had estimated the crop at 12,162,000 bales. Such an enormous harvest had never been dreamed of before by the most pessimistic. The wildest scenes were enacted and but for the fact that the ginners' reports had sounded a warning to the bulls ruin would have been widespread. The close was very weak and at the lowest figure.

Theodore Price, the leader of the bears, who lost a fortune fighting Sully during the latter's triumphant campaign, recovered it in a few minutes and added to it largely before the gong stopped the pandemonium. Sully, who has been trying to engineer another bull campaign, was obliterated as a factor in the market.

The government's report was received at the exchange at 11:15 a. m. It was read from the rostrum immediately afterward.

Being Saturday only three-quarters of an hour remained until closing time. Everybody wanted to sell at once. Prices fell from 48 to 62 points almost in a flash. It was the greatest and swiftest collapse since the memorable announcement of Sully's failure in the midst of the bull campaign he had started.

Inquiry among cotton houses after the close of the exchange did not develop any apprehension of trouble as a result of the quick slump.

Every Care Was Taken to Guard Crop Report.

Washington.—In the preparation and issuance of the cotton report, Secretary Wilson gave a demonstration of the precautions taken to avoid advance information leaking out.

Representatives Burgess, of Texas, and Ransdall, of Louisiana, were invited by the secretary to witness the preparation of the estimate. The party was locked in the private office of the statistician and the reports from all the cotton districts were taken into the room. The doors were locked from the outside, and the secretary then gave orders for the opening of the report. The estimate of the crop for the year 1904-1905 was then prepared and sent out before any person in the room was permitted to leave or communicate with any person from the outside.

"In this manner the cotton estimates are invariably made," said Secretary Wilson, "and all human ingenuity is used to prevent leaking of information."

Is Panama Independent.

Outside of the canal zone and entirely independent of the United States is the republic of Panama, which has just been welcomed into the fellowship of nations on our initiative. Since the relations between Panama and Colombia are still unsettled, why did the former find it advisable to reduce her army to a peace footing of twenty-five men with two cities to keep in order? If a standing army is necessary to the preservation of law and order even in a state of profound peace, why should a threatened country open herself to attack from a declared enemy at the threshold? If Colombia marched to the attack or declared war, must we defend this baby nation "outside of the canal zone" as well as within it? In that case, where is the pretense that Panama is independent? Where is the showing that she is able to maintain a government? The lack of money cannot be the plea advanced, for we have furnished that.

One Hundred Hurt in Wreck.

Kansas City.—Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 1, due here at 5:15 Saturday evening from St. Louis, was wrecked two miles east of Holden, Mo., Saturday afternoon.

It is reported that nearly a hundred persons were injured.

It is believed that no one was killed. A relief train has started from Kansas City for the scene.

The list of killed and wounded in football games during the season just closed, as compiled by the Chicago Record-Herald, amounts to 13 killed and 296 wounded.

The women of savage tribes have not infrequently a wardrobe consisting of furs which would be worth from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Grumdenman, the explorer, relates how one fair Greenland woman wore a dress of sealskin with a hood of that costly fur, the silver fox. The garment was lined with fur of the young seal otter, and there was a fringe of wolverine tails. About \$600 is probably the average worth of the dress of Indian women on the Columbia and Fraser rivers.

COTTON CONVENTION.

The cotton convention at New Orleans should be a useful and profitable gathering of men who know how to raise cotton, how to market cotton, how to spin cotton, how to weave cotton, and how to utilize the staple. One difficulty about such conventions is that nearly all the talking is done by men who are theorists and not by the practical men.

An effort will be made to correct this evil at New Orleans. There will be talks on the cotton weevil, and while these talks will not amount to anything, they will be interesting. Texas has an offer of \$50,000 reward for any remedy that will stamp out the weevil, and theories are rather ridiculous when there is good money for one that will work.

English cotton spinners will be at the convention and they will learn things to their advantage and to ours. We have an idea that this convention and others to come and the personal acquaintance made will tend to eliminate New York as the cotton market and make New Orleans and Galveston the cotton markets of the world. If the English buyers make their connections with New Orleans and Galveston, and there is direct shipment to Liverpool, it will leave New York only a part of the rich trade that has been worth so many millions to that city.

If New Orleans becomes the cotton market, it will mean a constant pressure for higher prices, instead of a constant pressure for low prices. It will mean that New England will, like old England, have to pay the price asked by the south, instead of fixing the price and announcing it to us. That is what is hoped in part from the coming convention at New Orleans.

Things Have Changed. Not until February of 1812 did the people of Kentucky know that Madison was elected president in the previous November.

In 1824 one of the leading railroads of the United States printed on its time table: "The locomotive will leave the depot every day at 10 o'clock if the weather is fair."

When Benjamin Franklin first thought of starting a newspaper in Philadelphia, many of his friends advised against it, because there was a paper published in Boston. Some of them doubted that the country would be able to support two newspapers.

One hundred years ago the fastest land travel in the world was on the Great North road, in England, after it had been put into its best condition. There the York mail coach tore along at the rate of 90 miles a day, and many persons confidently predicted Divine vengeance on such unseemingly haste.

Anniston Booming.

Anniston, Ala.—The plant of the Illinois Car and Equipment Company, which has been idle since the failure of the Southern Car and Foundry Company, is probably sold to the Illinois Car Company and the Standard Press Steel Company, who will soon put it in full operation. These companies claim that they must have full use of their tracks on Tenth street and be allowed to enclose its grounds to Eleventh street. This will necessitate the building of a viaduct on Tenth street, immediately in front of the plant, a little over a block. The money for this bridge is now being raised among the business men of Anniston by popular subscription. Already a goodly sum has been raised.

The building of the viaduct will result in the extension of the street railway, via this bridge into Glenn Addie, giving the people better street car facilities. The viaduct will have passageways for street cars, wagons and pedestrians. The resumption of work at the big car plant, the building of the viaduct and the extension of the street car line means much to Anniston.

Steel Plant Breaks Record.

Ensley, Ala.—As predicted, the steel plant for the month of November broke all previous records in the output of steel. Heretofore the month of October held the record with 20,000 tons. November completely smashed that record by turning out 21,600 tons. This was the largest tonnage that this important industry has ever turned out in one month.

Jamaica To Raise Cotton.

Kingston, Jamaica.—There was a conference here of men prominent in the cotton industry. Experts sent out by the British cotton growing association advised Jamaica planters to cultivate cotton, as there is a good opportunity offering.

As a result of experiments made in some of the hospitals in Paris, it is stated that vaccination performed under a red light leaves no scar and causes less pain. The patient is vaccinated in a room where the only light is an incandescent lamp with a red globe.

Since June 1, one million Irish immigrants have come into this country, and the impending famine this winter in the Green Isle is sending large numbers on every steamer. Secretary McCool, of the New York Irish Society, says: Ireland will be depopulated if immigration continues as it has during the present year."

He who stops to help a tottering brother over the rough places arrives quicker than he who rushes headlong down the lane of life.

JAPANESE CONFIDENT

Capture of 203 Meter Hill Gives Nogi Command of Entire Harbor.

SIEGE GUNS CAN SWEEP CITY.

Russians Fighting Without Hope.—Japan Wild With Joy Over Situation.

The official announcement comes from Tokio that the Japanese have occupied the summit of 203-Meter Hill. This important position has been the object of severe and continuous fighting, and cable reports from time to time have indicated that many men have been sacrificed in the effort to capture it. Two hundred and thirty-three Meter Hill is a dominating point in the range which lies to the westward of the town of Port Arthur, and according to reports it commands a full range of the harbor and a portion of the main town. Its approximate distance from the citadel or main defenses is three to four miles. Reports from both Tokio and St. Petersburg indicate that isolated engagements of a more or less severe nature are occurring along the front of the Manchurian armies, but it is not apparent that the main forces are engaged.

Tokio.—General Nogi's telegram announcing the storming and capturing of Two Hundred and Three Meter Hill was received with cheers by the Japanese people. It veivies the hope of an early capture of Port Arthur proper.

Prepared to Meet Fleet.

Chefoo.—Japanese preparedness for an encounter with the Russian second Pacific squadron was evidenced by the officers of the French steamer Bink Thuan, which left Japan Nov. 30, and arrived here Saturday. Near Sasebo they saw the Japanese battleship Mikasa, unscathed and evidently fully repaired and painted. Forty miles south of the Shau Tung promontory the officers of the Bink Thuan sighted the Japanese battleship Asahi similarly rehabilitated. She was steaming north.

The repair work of the Japanese fleet has been progressing with great secrecy and at Port Dalny.

The torpedo boat and torpedo boat destroyer flotilla is reported to have been maintained in good shape. The boats are mostly at the Japanese naval base at Port Dalny.

Russians Will Not Surrender.

Paris.—The Russian ambassador has declared to a reporter of the Figaro that fighting along the Shakh river will probably continue all winter, and that under no circumstances will General Kuropatkin retreat an inch. He is daily receiving reinforcements, and is even now strong enough to attack the enemy, but prefers to give his exhausted soldiers as long a rest as possible and await the new supplies and winter clothing which are coming in by trainloads every day. Russia has no lack of money, having just succeeded in borrowing \$260,000,000 from Germany and a Dutch bank.

Big Timber Purchase.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Joseph O'Brien, of Albany, N. Y., has purchased 38,500 acres of valuable timber land in Madison county, North Carolina, near the Tennessee line. The property was sold by order of court to satisfy an involuntary bankruptcy proceeding. A mortgage of \$225,000 is assumed, and a cash bonus of \$25,000 is paid. This is regarded as one of the most valuable tracts in these mountains. Edgar H. Betts, of Troy, N. Y., was the largest creditor, his claim being \$101,931.08.

High Price for Meat.

Chicago.—The big steer, "Clear Lake Jute II," winner of the international grand championship at the live stock show in progress here, was sold to a New York firm for \$36 per hundred pounds.

River Too Low For Navigation.

Chatanooga, Tenn.—The stage of the river here will not yet permit of the running of boats from this point. The river is about two feet below the navigation point. The Tennessee River Navigation Company has, however, inaugurated a schedule for the winter, so that boats will be run as soon as the river will permit. The river saw mills are still idle.

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Ohio Parched By Drought.

Columbus, O.—Reports from all over the state show that young wheat is badly damaged by the drought. It has been stunted in its growth and with winter at hand the farmers and grain dealers say the outlook is the most discouraging for years. In Licking county farmers are compelled to drive stock miles to water.

Squadron Goes to Trinidad.

Bahia, Brazil.—The South Atlantic squadron sailed today for Trinidad.

WORLD'S FAIR CLOSED.

St. Louis.—The Louisiana Purchase Exposition has ended. The stupendous and magnificent exposition, the interest of which has extended into every portion of the civilized world, has run its course, and now passes into history as probably having comprised the most representative collection of the resources, industries, art, peoples and customs of the world ever assembled. From the inception of the project to hold the exposition until the gates were thrown open and the world was invited to enter, occupied a period of seven years. The duration of the exposition has been seven months, and during that time nothing has occurred to throw a dampening effect on the interest or to detract from the exposition in any way. The best order has been maintained throughout, and there have been but few fires, but all of small moment with the exception of the destruction of the House of Hoo Hoo, and the partial destruction of the Missouri building recently. No loss of life has occurred during the exposition from accidents. St. Louis has proffered her most gracious hospitality to the world, and it has been accepted.

The opinion has been expressed at all times, on all sides, and without reserve that the Louisiana Purchase Exposition has been a success.

The man probably most prominently known in connection with the world's fair is the president, David R. Francis, and it was deemed fitting that the final day should be designated as Francis Day" in his honor.

Russia's Horses.

"One of the things the observant stranger may note in the streets of St. Petersburg and Moscow is the excellence of the horses. Not only the chargers of the army officers and the carriage horses of the rich, but cart horses, cab horses, droschky horses, even car horses and bus horses, seem to be of good breed and in fine condition. The horses wear little harness, which fashion is admirably designed to show off a handsome animal, and they are driven with very light snaffle bits; although the Russian horses seem full of spirit, these simple bits control them, for they are thoroughly broken. You seldom see a whip on a private carriage or a hackney cab in Russia. The horses have intelligent eyes and seem to be better trained than ours; but that is not saying much, for we have more thousands of miles of railways in the United States and more thousands of horses that take fright at the thousands of railway trains than any country in the world.

The czar's stables at Peterhof are very plain buildings, but they are filled with handsome horses which is better than handsome stables filled with poor horses. It was well worth the visit to see those rows of fine animals standing in their stalls, with their sleek, black coats and long tails.

Rockefeller Has Troubles.

William Rockefeller's gamekeepers on his vast forest preserve in the neighborhood of Saranac, N. Y., are earning their pay these days. The natives thereabouts resent the appearance of these guards, several of whom have been fired upon recently. One of them resigned after having a bullet pass through his coat sleeve as he was patrolling his lonely beat in the forest. The "snipers" use smokeless powder, and all efforts to locate them have failed. Mr. Rockefeller owns 59,000 acres of fine forest land in the vicinity named, but the natives can not be made to see that with the real estate he bought the deer. Nor can they understand how he owns the fish which were put into the streams at public expense. They have shot and fished on the land as far back as the oldest inhabitant can remember, and see no reason why the arrival of Mr. Rockefeller among them should change their custom. Hence the placing of the guards, of whom there is a small army.

To Kill Out Bull Weevil.

Montgomery, Ala.—Dr. J. A. B. Lovett, president of the Ninth District Agricultural school, in a letter to the Montgomery Advertiser, offers a new idea for the extermination of the boll weevil. He would rotate the crops, with force, by the government, if necessary.

BIG POULTRY SHOW.

Entries from All Over the Country.—One Bird Worth \$500. Birmingham, Ala.—The Alabama Poultry and Stock Association convenes in this city Tuesday and will be in session for four consecutive days. The exhibition will have many attractions. There are 1,350 entries for exhibits of chickens, rabbits, and other day. The chicken exhibit of the middle states and the great west will not only be interesting but of practical instruction as well.

The star attraction is a white Wyandotte cock from the famous Blinnore farm. This fowl is alone worth \$500.

Fire Protection for Jasper.

Jasper, Ala.—The city council has just closed a deal with P. O. Hebert, of Atlanta, representing the Fabrie Fire Hose Company, of New York, for several hundred feet of hose, two hose carts and all the necessary apparatus for the equipment of an up-to-date voluntary fire department.

Rain Falls in Kentucky.

Lexington, K.—A steady rain today broke the longest drought in central Kentucky in half a century.

FORECAST OF SESSION

Tariff Revision Probable
Talk of Extra Session
Smoot Case

CONGRESS MET MONDAY.

The Second Session of the 58th Congress Will Dispose of Important Matters.

Washington.—Enactment of necessary appropriation measures, coupled with a modified ship-subsidy legislation in a modified form and the consideration of isthmian canal legislation, comprises the present program of the closing session of the Fifty-eighth congress, which opened at noon Monday. Unless all signs fail comparatively little attempt will be made to accomplish anything else of importance, unless it be the passage of the bill of Mr. Hill, of Connecticut, to improve currency conditions, or the bill of Mr. Fowler, of New Jersey, permitting national banking associations to make loans upon real estate.

As to brand new legislation, but little is expected during the short session. Congress will be kept pretty busy getting through its appropriations, and attending to routine matters. It seems to be understood that there will be a river and harbor bill and an omnibus public building bill introduced at this session. Never before was there a greater demand on the treasury for money for river and harbor improvements, and for new public buildings, and it appears certain that unless Speaker Cannon and Chairman Hemmenway, of the house committee on appropriations, stubbornly resist the plans members will make to "set in on" the appropriations, the two bills will carry enormous appropriations.

The unfinished business of congress is represented by several thousand bills, some of which have been considered by committees and reported favorably; some passed by the house and held up by the senate, and others (the great majority) unconsidered in committee. The unfinished business in which the country has manifested greatest interest may be summarized, as follows:

Bill to confer additional powers on the interstate commerce commission. The pure food bill.

The Hepburn-Doolittle bill to regulate the interstate transportation of intoxicating liquors.

The bill for the reform of the consular service.

Legislation for the further restriction of immigration.

The anti-injunction bill.

The eight hour bill.

Senator Fairbanks' bill providing for a three-department government building in Washington.

The staid bill providing for the admission of the territories of New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma and Indian territories as two states.

Bill for the protection of the president.

Undoubtedly the friends of these measures will press them forward for consideration as opportunity offers, and some of them will probably be made into law. Evidently there is much popular interest in the pure food bill. The house passed it last session and it received some consideration in the senate, but in the rush of the last few weeks it was side-tracked.

The so-called labor bills—the anti-injunction bill and the eight-hour bill—did not get out of committee in the house last session. Hearing that last week were held, but neither the judiciary committee, which has the anti-injunction bill, nor the committee on labor, which has the eight hour bill, reached a vote on the question of reporting.

Among the so-called side issues, there are several that promise to attract much public attention. The Crum appointment will probably be removed from the field of serious controversy by the changed attitude of Senator Tillman, who announces that he will no longer stand in the way of Crum's confirmation.

Much interest will, of course, center in the Reed Smoot case. The case has already dragged through a full year, and the senate committee on privileges and elections seem anxious to get it off their hands. Undoubtedly they will decide to close it up in short order unless it is deemed expedient to send a sub-committee to Utah to take testimony.

Can Hunt on Own Property.

Little Rock, Ark.—The supreme court today declared unconstitutional the law forbidding non-resident land owners to hunt and fish on their own property in this state.

Cruiser Tennessee Launched.

Philadelphia.—The armored cruiser Tennessee was launched Saturday at the yards of the William Cramp & Sons Ship and Engine Building Company works in the presence of distinguished guests from the state for which the vessel is named, and a number of navy and army officials.

The christening party included Governor Frazier, his staff, Mrs. Frazier and their daughter, Annie Keith Frazier, who was sponsor for the ship.

Jackson's Grandson Appointed.

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt has appointed Stonewall Jackson Christian, grandson of General Stonewall Jackson, to a cadetship at the United States military academy at West Point. President Roosevelt says: "We want a Stonewall Jackson in our army."

The act of President Roosevelt in giving a cadetship to young Stonewall Jackson Christian, grandson of General Stonewall Jackson, the great Confederate military chieftain, was a most graceful one. No man who admires military genius and daring could fail to admire the character of Stonewall Jackson. General Jackson himself was a graduate of West Point academy and achieved distinction as a soldier long before the civil war. He was a regular army officer during the war with Mexico and won fame on the battlefield there. So gallant was his conduct that he was twice given promotions.

Many historians have published garbled accounts of how General Jackson came to be called "Stonewall." The sobriquet was applied to him by General Barnard E. Bee, of South Carolina, at the first battle of Bull Run. General Bee was himself a West Pointer, and like Jackson had won glory in the Mexican war. He was commanding a brigade at Bull Run consisting of the Second and Eleventh Mississippi, the Fourth Alabama and First Tennessee regiments and Imboden's battery. His brigade was in advance of the one led by General Jackson. Bee's forces were at one time broken by a terrible charge of the federal troops when Jackson brought up his five regiments to their support. Bee, mounted upon a magnificent charger, rushed to meet Jackson and with drawn sabre and perspiration streaming down his face, laboring under great excitement, he exclaimed in tones bordering upon despair: "General, they are beating us back." Jackson was cool and almost calm, as was his manner in moments of great peril. Turning to General Bee he replied: "Sir, we will give them the bayonet." These words seemed to act upon Bee like a clarion. Rushing back to his men and pointing his sword towards Jackson, who sat bolt upright upon his horse, coolly surveying the situation, Bee rallied his men, exclaiming, "Look, there is Jackson standing like a stone wall. Let us determine to die here and we will conquer." This appeal acted like magic and what threatened to be a rout was turned into a victory. General Bee soon afterwards fell mortally wounded as he carried the colors of the Fourth Alabama at the head of the charge.

Italians Coming South. Washington.—Pressure of official work has forced Baron Mayor des Plances, the Italian ambassador, to postpone his trip through the south until next year.

Shortly after the adjournment of congress he will visit Florida, Louisiana and Texas in the interest of worthy respectable Italians in New York and other large cities who desire to escape from their crowded surroundings and make homes for themselves in a warmer climate where they may operate truck farms and become self-supporting citizens.

Throughout his service at Washington, Baron Mayor des Plances has done much to alleviate the condition of his countrymen in the United States and he has made a thorough study of their condition in New York. The ambassador and the commissioner of immigration concur in the opinion that the better class of Italians in the large cities are frequently handicapped by a lawless element which inquiry has shown to be greatly in the minority.

Many Italian immigrants coming to this country have not funds enough to reach the interior and build homes for themselves. The south is anxious to obtain immigrants who are law-abiding and can become self-supporting. The proposition has been made by certain railroad interests whose lines operate in several southern states, to furnish tracts of land to Italian farmers at a reasonable rate and enable them to build cottages which can be paid for on easy terms.

To inquire into the practicability of this proposition will be the object of the ambassador's trip.

Famine Among Fishermen. Okhotsk, Russia.—A severe famine prevails in the district of Gishga, owing to the small fish catch and the fault of the arrival of two steamers loaded with provisions. The authorities propose dispatching relief sledges drawn by reindeer and dogs, but mails sent by these means last winter did not get through.

If your friends believe you to be poor, they will all conspire to keep you poor. If they think you rich they will all try to make you richer.

Make a practice of doing some act of kindness every day until the habit grows on you and stays with you.

Suffer With the Cold. Seattle, Wash.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson states that the mail carriers between Valdez and Fairbanks have suffered the most severe hardships, having been caught without food and supplies and forced dogs died of cold and hunger. No mail has arrived at Dawson from Fairbanks since the river closed. The merchants of Dawson have sent a petition to Washington asking the government to establish a direct service between the two places.

Lebadey's List of Titles. The London Express gives the following complete list of Lebadey's titles:

Jacques I, Najin-al-Den—Emperor of the Sahara. Commander of the Faithful. King of Tarfala. Duke of Arfeu. Prince of Chal Huin.

WHAT'S IN A NAME.

In the morning he's a pirate, with a cutlass and a gun. And we tremble at the flashing of his eye. His name, as he informs us, is an awe-inspiring one: "Lord Ferdinand Rodrigo Guy."

By ten o'clock our pirate has renounced his sorry trade. In armor now, he has a lance and shield. He gallantly advances to defend a helpless maid. And we know that bold "Sir Lamoulet" has the field.

And next, a skulking savage, he is lurking in the hall. Most alarming in his feather war array: But he graciously assures us he will answer if we call. "Hiawatha Mudjeckewis Ojibway!"

As "Horatio Nelson Dewey" he's an admiral of wars. And last in all his catalogue of names Comes the very simple title under which he rules our hearts. For when he's sound asleep he's merely "James!" Hannah G. Fernald in St. Nicholas.

JUST FOR FUN



"So Mr. and Mrs. Jones have quarrelled? Why doesn't she make up?" "She does, dreadfully. That's why they quarrelled."—Judge.

"Oh, ho! I know what's the matter with you. You're seaisick." The girl—"I'm not seasick at all, Bobby Brown. I've felt like this on land lots of times!"—Duck.

Wife (quoting)—A man's work's finished with the setting sun; a woman's work is never done. Husband (brute)—Quite right, my dear. I've often remarked the omission.—Punch.

Gagsby—Jones is very wealthy, but he says his life is full of trials. Wagsby—"Yes, that's what makes him wealthy." "How so?" "He's a lawyer."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Blinks—What did you say to your wife when you got home late last night? Jinks—My dear. Blinks—is that all? Jinks—Yes. She began talking then.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

"Very well, sir," said Dr. Quack, after his quarrel with the undertaker, "I'll make you sorry for this!" "What are you going to do?" asked the undertaker, "retire from practice?"—Philadelphia Press.

Wife (who has been away)—You must have liked that breakfast food, James dear. There isn't a single box left. James—Yes, darling. It was great (so to voice) to start the fire with, mornings.—Judge.

Barber—Did Weaver give you any security for the money he borrowed of you? Draper—No; he said it would be secure enough in his possession. Barber—Come to think about it, I guess it will be.—Boston Transcript.

Wife—Do you believe that marriage is a lottery? Husband—No, I don't. Wife—Why not? Husband—Because when a man draws a blank in a lottery he can tear it up and take another chance.—Chicago Daily News.

"He's writing a novel," "I suppose he was out of his mind?" "He is and he thought it would be more successful if he wrote while in that condition. It's to be of the regular popular order, you know."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Bertha—You don't mean to say you have refused Frederick? Edith—"I had to. He told me he had never done anything he was ashamed of. I never could think of marrying a shameless man, you know."—Boston Transcript.

"Say old man, I want to sell you a ticket for our social club's private theatricals." "Not me. I haven't time to go to those things. I—" "Nobody asked you to go. I merely want to sell you a ticket."—Philadelphia Press.

"A public official is the servant of the people," said Senator Sorghum. "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne; "and sometimes he's the kind of servant that carries a market basket every time she goes 'home from her place of employment.'"—Washington Star.

"See here, old man, what in thunder did you mean by advising my daughter to go abroad to study music? She's no phenomenon, and I can't afford it. You know all that." "But we're on the same flat aren't we? I know when I've had enough."—Detroit Free Press.

She—Did you send verses to the girl you were engaged to? He—Yes; that was the whole trouble. I see, she didn't like them? On the contrary, she did like them. But she discovered that another fellow wrote 'em, and she married the other fellow!—Yonkers Statesman.

Barnes—Hewes is a pretty good sort of a fellow. Shedd—Yes, but he hasn't got any tact. At the restaurant the other day he asked me if I was fond of cats, and I was eating rabbit stew at the time! The idea of asking such a question at such a time as that!—Boston Transcript.

"So you don't care for poetry?" "No," said the eminent inventor. "Only the other day I heard a young woman singing 'had I the wings of a dove.' Now the wings of a dove would be wholly insufficient in atmospheric resistance for any practical purpose whatever. What she really wants is a tetrahedral kite."—Washington Star.

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Columbiana, Ala., Dec. 8, 1904.

Pay your poll tax.

It will only cost you \$1.50 a year to keep your poll tax paid up.

It is important to pay your poll tax so you can be a qualified voter.

And now we have a Street Fair this week—what next—Christmas?

The second session of the 58th Congress met Monday in Washington.

The contest was all a bluff, and now everything is moving a long airight.

The miners are now getting 55 cents a ton for digging coal in the Birmingham district.

We learn that Calera is going to have a new passenger station before many months longer.

It is said a number of the Watson-Tilbles votes were not counted in some of the states of the union.

And now the democrats are quite dead until 1908, and they will still be dead politically in this county after that date.

Cotton is now worth about 7 cents, but we hope it will be to 12 cents before it all gets out of the hands of the farmers.

Be sure and pay your poll tax. Don't wait until the last minute to do it. If you owe poll tax, you can not vote in any election.

The Southern Railway is handling a good many emigrants out of this county at present for Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

We understand there will be a stock law election in several beats of the county in January. Let every man prepare for it by paying his poll tax.

Parker polled a million less votes than Bryan. There are a great many true democrats who will not be led by a set of Wall street financiers.

Peoples party clubs are being organized all over the United States and by the time the next election rolls around the entire union will be in good working order.

The Populist party is growing in every State of the union. Let every Populist do his duty and we will in a few years have the strongest party in the government.

Hon. Thos. E. Watson the Peoples party candidate for President, speaks out in thunder tones and the people at large can see that he is a man of unquestionable sincerity.

For eight years Hon. Thos. E. Watson had been secluded from the touch of the people and from politics, but when the call came he answered and took upon himself the burdens.

The prospect for the Peoples party was never so bright. The recent canvass of Hon. Thos. E. Watson has added a great deal to the grand movement all over the United States.

Judge McMillan in his letter in the Sentinel says the co-operative ticket had no principles, but were after the offices. We would like for him to tell the people which one of the democratic principles he advocated?

Had you noticed it? De Jedge done had his picture took; yes, and printed in a paper, too. And in a double header, too.—Sentinel.

You are right, the double headers are the ones that, the Sentinels peggies off the track. That picture is after taking, the ones you printed some time ago were before taking. Since your men took their medicine they are not able to make a shadow.

Misrepresentations Answered.

Editor Advocate: In the issue of the Sentinel of November 24, appeared an article purported to have been written from Wilsonville, in which are some strictures upon me that I think should be answered, as a failure to do so, might lead some feeble mind to think that there was at least a grain of truth in the labored article. The writer of said article did as cowards usually do, hide behind a non-deplume and fired from ambush, but I desire to say that his little pop gun can't injure me in the least, paper bullets made up of prejudice and misrepresentation will always fall short of their aim when fired by such a small potshot as Veritas. He says: "Mr Longshore would have appeared before the people of this county in a much better light if he had kept his mouth closed and sealed, for so flagrant was the violation of the election laws that I was vividly reminded of some of the darkest and most damnable methods practiced during the reconstruction period." In the above Veritas doubtless to the methods practiced by the democrats in beats 14 and 15, where as high as twenty dollars a piece was paid for votes. He further says "I challenge him (Longshore) or any of those who consorted with him to point anywhere in history to a more shameful triumph of boss rule over the will of the people than the recent burlesque on a fair and honest election recently held in this county." As far as the democratic party is concerned the above is true, and we suggest that Veritas call a mass meeting and invite all of his erring brethren and have righteousness preached to them until they turn from the error of their way. He further says, "all through the campaign this summer and fall honorable and upright men of our county were slandered and vilified by the Longshore following." I challenge Veritas to show where a single democrat in the county was slandered and vilified by the "Longshore following;" but I can point him to many instances where I have been vilified, slandered and abused by unprincipled men who were working for the success of the democratic ticket. Veritas seems to be strangely afflicted; he either don't know how to tell the truth or is afraid to do so. He says that I stated in my article that the doctors, preachers, merchants and lawyers were arrayed against us. I made no such statement. I said I regretted to state that with few exceptions, they were for the democratic ticket. These exceptions included some of the best lawyers, doctors, merchants and preachers in the county, men of brain, character and stamina. I did not criticize them for being on the other side. I recognize the right of every American citizen to think and act for himself in politics and elsewhere, and I did not in my article try to create prejudice and distrust between the classes, but I certainly had the right to thank the farmers and laboring people of the county for their hearty support of our ticket, and this is what "Veritas" denominates demagoguery. I don't wonder at his effort, he was trying to kill the force of my argument; the truth hurts and when he attempts to hollow demagogue instead of talking sense he shows the weakness of his cause. He says again "all our merchants did just as I believe they would do again—worked to defeat an administration which has doubled their taxes and plunged the county into thousands of dollars indebtedness." In the above "Veritas" admits that all the merchants were against the co-operative ticket; then why does he rear back and claw the air because I stated that they closed their stores and worked against a ticket composed almost exclusively of farmers. Veritas seems to be very much afraid of the truth. I advise him to be vaccinated so that he can handle the truth without it hurting him. He charges again that I lifted the banner of the Republican party. He knows there isn't a word of truth in that statement, Judge McMillan stated in almost every speech he made that Brasher and Dyke were the best natured men in the world to run on the same ticket with me when I was continually jumping on the Republican party. And last but not least, Veritas falls out with me because I warned the people against the dangers that threatened our republic, and I expect to continue to do so regardless of the attacks of such men as "Veritas" shows himself to be. I have always been endorsed by the white people of this county which I consider a far greater honor than to be praised by men of the "Veritas" type.

A. P. LONGSHORE.

Coal is about as scarce as eggs in Columbiana at present. We need a coal yard here very bad.

Watson Thinks Party Is Ruined.

Crawfordville, Ga., November 30.—Thomas E. Watson, candidate of the Peoples party for President, addressed a large crowd today, at this place, the former home of Alexander H. Stevens. His address was received with close attention but with no marked enthusiasm. He spoke in part as follows:

"The democratic party can no longer claim to be national. It is sectional. The south is still its victim. The south is still quadrennial sacrifice which corrupt or stupid southern politicians deliver over to Wall street. But for the solid south, the eastern democracy would have to shut up shop, join the Republicans, and face a genuine party of opposition.

"What keeps the south solid? Nothing in the world except on out-of-date sectional animosity, and the shamelessly hypocritical cry of negro domination.

"In each southern state there is a monopoly of privilege and power which is fighting for its life. As a rule, this monopoly is based upon the support of northern railroads, northern banks, northern manufacturers, the school book trust, the Standard Oil trust, the tobacco trust, the whiskey trust and the cotton seed oil trust. Fed bountifully from these rich sources, the democratic machine in the southern states is very haughty, indeed. It wants no change. Southern politicians will sacrifice national ticket any time to maintain the local monopoly. And the "negro question" is the joy of their lives. They exist upon it. They fatten on it. With one shout of "nigger" they can run native democrats to their holes at any hour of the day. Men who appear to have some common sense in other directions lose all their mental bearings when the "negro question" is sprung, and they immediately begin to hop around in a Dervish dance of political hysteria.

"Have Disfranchised Negro.

"In vain you point to them that the southern states, excepting Georgia, have disfranchised the negro. In vain you remind them that the negro is completely in our power, and that there is absolutely no limit to what we do to him when we want to do it.

"In vain you suggest that in spite of the political cry of "negro domination," the southern people are so determined not to part with the blacks that we are ready to lynch the emigration agent who tries to carry them away. Nothing counts—not during the campaign. After the campaign the politician laughs, the editor laughs, the office-holder laughs. "We fooled them one more time"—and they wink as they meet and pass.

"Take the state of Georgia, for example. It is ruled by the railway combination of which Hamp McWhorter is the lobbyist, the professional corruptionist. He is the creature of August Belmont, democrat, and J. P. Morgan, Republican.

"All this talk of having the south forming a party of its own is mere bosh. The civil war is over and the south is just as much a part of the union as New England. We have as much right to influence in the union as any other section.

Cannot Afford to be Sectional.

"The south cannot afford to be sectional. In self-defense she must be national. If we allow our southern leaders to put us in a degraded position nationally, ours is the fault. As long as we allow the solid south to be a political slave to a handful of eastern capitalists we may expect to feel the lash of the slave driver and to feel the weight of the chain. Every four years the southern politicians carry the solid south to New York, expose her in the political slave market, have her points carefully looked over and sell her to the highest bidder.

"Infamous bargains having been made, those politicians return home and tell us we must ratify the bargain for the sake of the democratic party and to avert the dangers of 'negro domination.' Oh! the infinite shame of it!

"It has been going on year after year, regularly repeated every presidential campaign until a climax has been reached which neither gods nor men should tolerate.

"Let us put a finish to this degradation of the south. Let us assert our manhood against the tyranny of political bosses. Let us break the shell of this Bourbonism which neither learns nor forgets.

Always Favored Democracy.

"The south has always been in favor of the democracy—the rule of the many, for the benefit of the many. She has always been opposed to the rule of the many by the few, for the benefit of the few. She has always been a foe to privilege. She has never favored class legislation. She has struggled valiantly, time and again to destroy national banks, and to curb the power of greedy corporations. She has never favored the protection which builds up one man's business at the expense of another. She has always favored the income tax. She has ever looked with distrust at the federal judiciary, and she furnished a President who defied John Marshall, and who by this assertion of the power of the executive checked and balanced the attempted usurpation of the supreme court of the United States.

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Men's Fancy Worsted suits, \$12.50 and \$15.00 values at \$9.98.
Boy's heavy Cashimer suits,

\$2.50 kind at \$1.48.
Boy's Buster Brown suits, the latest fad, at \$2.48, worth \$4.00.
50 Boy's knee suits, viz: 3 to 17, worth \$1.50, at 98 cents.
Better quality from \$1.25 to \$5.00
250 pairs knee pants, worth 50 cents, at 22 cents.
150 pairs knee pants, worth 60 cents to \$1.00, at 48 cents.

JACKETS, COATS and CAPE!

Ladies' Melton Jackets; Colors, Castor Navy and Black, well tailored, \$4.00 and \$5.00 goods, at \$2.98.
50 Ladies' Tourist Jackets, full lengths, in all colors, at all prices. These have just arrived by express and are fine Great Values.

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25 Samples of Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits at one-half their actual value.

Ladies' Walking Skirts of every shade and color. The \$1.50 and \$2.00 quality at 98 cents.

Dress Goods Department.

One yard-wide Domestic, per yard 5 cents.
Apron Gingham, good quality, at 44 cents.
One yard-wide shirting Percale at 74 cents.
One yard Sea Gland Dress Percale; others sell them from 124 to 15 cents, our price per yard 10c.
Ladies' gray fleece ribbed Vests, 25c grade at 15c.
Ladies' cream fleece ribbed Vests, 40 and 50 cent grade at 24 cents.
Ladies' union ribbed Suits, 40 and 50 cent grade at 30 cents.
Childrens union Suits, full line, all sizes, 40 and 50 cent grades, at 24 cents.
Ladies' Merceized Black Silk drop skirts sell the world over for 75 cents; our price 48 cents.
Another lot that sells for \$1.25; our price 88 cents.
Another lot, the best grade sells for \$2.25; our price \$1.38.
Double width Worsted, all colors, 15 and 20 cent quality, at 10 cents.
One lot double and single widths in Gray only, worth from 124 to 20 cents; it goes in this sale at 7 1-2 cents.
All kinds of Ladies' best Dress Goods in all shades and colors, which we have reduced at savings to you of 40 to 50 per cent.
Big lot of Window Curtain Screens, 10 cent kind to close out at 4 1-2 cents in this sale.
Best dress calico at 4 1-2 cents per yard.

HATS! HATS! HATS!

Beautiful Tailored and Walking Hats—the Latest.
Ladies' velvet trimmed Hats, our competitor's price \$3.00 and \$3.50; our price \$1.98.
Shirt Waist Hat from 25 cents to \$3.00.
250 Men's sample Hats, Black, Brown and Tan, closing out at a savings to you of 50 per cent.
Big lot of flannel and silk shirt waists to close out at big savings to you.

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Good heavy Jersey overshirts, 50 and 75 cent kind at 39 cents.
Good heavy Jersey overshirts, 75 cent and \$1.00 kind at 58 cents.
Boy's fleeced undershirts, 40 and 50 cent values, at 25 cents.
Men's extra heavy fleeced line undershirts, drawers to match, 50 cent kind, our price 39 cents.

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!!!

100 pairs Men's high top brogans, \$1.25 kind, at 98 cents.
100 pairs Men's high top brogans, \$1.50 kind, at \$1.25.
\$800 worth of Shoes to close out at 75 cents on the dollar. Now is the time to shoe yourself. You will find shoes here for you and your family.

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THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

Social and Local News.

R. H. Long, of Calera, was in town Friday.

See Sheriff's sale in this issue of the Advocate.

G. W. Busby, of beat 2, was in town Saturday.

We have been having a few rainy days this week.

H. L. Johnson, of beat 4, was in the city Friday.

Wesley Ozley, of Saginaw, was in town Monday.

Supt. J. B. Farrell paid off the teachers Saturday.

Prof. J. W. Moore, of Weldon, was in town Saturday.

There was quite a large crowd in town Saturday trading.

Come to the Street Fair this week and enjoy the fun.

Sheriff R. F. Cox spent Monday at Bridgeport on business.

Ollie Goer, of Calera, spent Sunday afternoon in the city.

The School Board was in session here a short while Saturday.

R. C. Naish, of beat 7, was in town a short while Saturday.

Leo Friedberger was in Birmingham Monday on business.

Prof. J. C. Harper, of East Saginaw, was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. W. A. Parker visited relatives at Klein last week and this.

Max Lefkowitz spent Sunday and Monday in Bessemer with relatives.

Rufus Lester is in Montgomery attending the Grand Lodge of Masons.

Supt. J. O. Dorrough, of Dunnavant, was in town several days last week.

Anything in the hot drink line that you want at Latham's Drug Store.

H. E. Whitaker and wife are boarding with Mrs. Wilson and family.

Joe P. and Harry Roberts spent Sunday over at Sylacauga with relatives.

Edgar Kidd, of Childersburg, spent a part of Sunday here with relatives.

T. M. Duncan, of Dargin, was among the many visitors in town Saturday.

Clarence Smith, of Wilsonville, spent Sunday afternoon in the city with friends.

R. W. Callaway and Sam Wallace spent Sunday and Monday in Birmingham.

In this issue of the Advocate will be found a Commissioner's sale of real estate.

Dr. W. P. Hamner has been up at Vincent this week on professional business.

Ed Duran and wife, of Birmingham, visited relatives here a few days this week.

C. C. DuBose returned Friday from a visit to his children at Indianapolis, Ind.

G. C. Pitts, of Birmingham, visited relatives here a part of Saturday and Sunday.

F. M. Hallmark, of the Southern Ry., spent a part of Saturday and Sunday in the city with his family.

C. T. Hughes, of Brierfield, was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Edna Nelson returned Tuesday from a visit to Marion and Prattville.

Miss Etta Robertson returned Monday from a visit to relatives at Pratt City.

In this issue you will find Sheriff's sales, mortgage sale and Administrator's sale.

Dr. McIlwaine, of Anniston, preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday at 11 A. M.

Grover Liles, who has been in St. Louis, Mo., for several months, returned home Monday.

Mrs. Howard Latham, who has been in Montevallo for the past two months, returned home Tuesday.

Arthur Armstrong, who has been working at Childersburg for several months, returned home Monday.

J. Stone and family, of the Four-mile community, left Tuesday for Monticello, Texas, their future home. The Advocate wishes Mr. Stone and family much success.

Rev. Joseph Duglison, of Talladega, the newly elected pastor of the Presbyterian church, filled his first appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday night.

W. F. Davis, our clever agent for the Southern Railway at this place, informs us that he sold over \$700.00 worth of tickets Monday to the people going to Louisiana.

A Card.

Gurnee, Ala., December 5th 1904. Editor Advocate:

Through your columns I wish to ask every Populist and Republican that is due a poll tax for 1904 to pay it without fail on or before the 1st day of February 1905. Every man should qualify himself for voting and then if a stock law election, City election, County and State election comes off he can participate if he so desires, and then again we should all pay our poll tax because it all goes for the education of children that always need it, as a rule.

A Coal Miner.

Rev. Mr. Smitherman filled his regular appointment at the Kingdom Sunday.

Sunday was another one of those drowsy rainy days.

Mrs. Zack Crowson, of near Montevallo, spent a part of last week with relatives and friends on Beeswax.

Mrs. D. L. Ingram is very ill at this writing, we hope for her to soon be up again.

What the matter with our chicken peddler he hasn't been around in some time, well, I'm sorry, glad if he got to help eat a chicken one morning for breakfast last week.

Mrs. S. A. Robertson, of near Wilsonville, visited the family of J. H. Robertson several days last week.

Miss Cora Morgan, who has been visiting friends in Montevallo for several days returned home last week.

L. B. Foust, of Saginaw, was in town Tuesday and renewed his subscription to the Advocate a year in advance.

Rufus O'Hara, who has been working at Garden City for the L. & N. R. R., spent Saturday in the city with relatives.

Tax Assessor Pitts and Tax Collector Robertson have finished up their second round assessing and collecting taxes.

F. E. Merrell, of Farmer, was in town Saturday, and while here renewed his subscription to the Advocate a year in advance.

Miss May High, who has been working for Mrs. T. Wood in the millinery business, returned to her home in Nashville, Tenn., Monday.

The Hammond Millinery Company have moved their millinery establishment from the Armstrong building to rooms up stairs in the Liles building.

Try the delicious hot drinks at Latham's Drug Store. There is nothing better than a cup of hot coffee, chocolate or tomato Baulion on a cold day.

The Harvard Musical Club gave an entertainment at the school house Saturday night, which was well attended and highly appreciated by all who attended.

The merchants that advertise in the Advocate this week are: Columbiana Mercantile Co., Latham Drug Co., and Thos. F. Atkinson. The above merchants will save you money by buying from them.

W. A. Stone, Sr., and his son and daughter, who have been living in Union Parish, Louisiana, for 33 years, returned to this country, last February and made a crop with Thos. Stone, his brother, returned to Louisiana Tuesday, his old home. Their stay with friends and relatives have been very pleasant, and their friends regret to part with them, and hope them a pleasant return and a happy future.

The following families left this country Monday for Louisiana, their future home: J. W. Murphy and family, V. B. Davis and family, J. W. Payne and family, J. J. Lindsey and family, Lewis Epperson and family, R. H. Davis and family, Walter Lindsey and family, A. S. Taylor and family, A. B. Hill and family, J. T. Carter and family, Mr. Owen and family, J. T. Mitchell and family, J. T. Lee and family, Vice Johnson and family and J. W. Smith. The Advocate wishes all of them much success in their new homes.

The Pension warrants for the old Confederate soldiers and widows, are now ready for delivery; But the warrants can not be delivered to any one but the pensioner, except on a written order.

A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Williams Bros.

Out Sunday December 11.

The Great Christmas Number of the Montgomery Advertiser will be a Marvel of Southern Journalism, Bigger, Better, Brighter, Greater than ever. Since our last Christmas Number was issued we have made some great strides. We have added a story to our building. We will add a number of stories to our Great Christmas Number. Just a few of the features will consist of: A Comic Colored Supplement for the Children; A Great Magazine of Art, Science and Literature; Household News and Recipes for the Housewives; Agricultural News for the Farmers and Planters; Instructive Historical and Geographical Statistics; Interesting Stories of Fiction and Romance; Cartoons by Alabama's Greatest Artists; Latest Fashion Notes by Leading Modistes. The whole work of Journalistic Splendor, exclusively the Result of the Energy and Brains of Alabama for Alabama. Just think of more than 75 pages for 5 cents, and every page a feature by itself. On account of the Great Cost, this magnificent Edition will be limited. To make sure of getting a copy order in advance from your News Dealer or send 5 cents in stamps with your order to Circulation Department Montgomery, Alabama.

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Notice.

A teacher wanted for school in District No. 5 in Shelby county, known as the Kingdom District. For further information apply to

E. L. Crumpton, J. T. Acker, J. A. Holmes, Trustee.

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A FRIGHTENED HORSE.

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sore's, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c at Latham Drug Co., and Williams Bros.

Dargin.

Rev. J. R. Crowson filled his regular appointment here Sunday and preached an interesting sermon.

W. S. McEwen, of Center school house was circulating among his many friends Sunday.

Jasper Holcomb, of Calera, attended preaching here Sunday.

Robert Comer, of Shelby Springs, was here Sunday with his best girl.

North Evans, of Farmer, visited J. S. Evans Saturday night.

W. H. Bird and T. M. Duncan and Dock Lyons went to Columbiana Saturday.

R. C. Naish and Henry Wilson went to Columbiana Saturday.

Oscar Wyatt and wife, of Spring Creek, passed through our town Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Beard, of the Kingdom, after spending a week with Scott Stonelpher returned home Saturday.

A. M. Richards and family are visiting near Wilsonville this week.

We are hearing of the democrats now as talking of wanting to help run the courts of Shelby, and as we have Justice courts, Probate courts, Chancery courts, County courts and Circuit courts we do not think any other courts are necessary as these transact the business of the county. We think if the democrats ever expect anything here after they will stop and think and let this alone.

A happy Christmas to our new officers.

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FIGHT WILL BE BITTER.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. E. Beall, of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by Latham Drug Co., and Williams Bros. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

For want of space the Lester Chapel communication had to be left out this week.

A man can hardly ever make money easier than by not investing it on his judgment.

HEAD ABOUT TO BURST FROM SEVERE BILIOUS ATTACK.

"I had a severe bilious attack and felt like my head was about to burst when I got hold of a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I took a dose of them after supper and the next day felt like a new man and have been feeling happy ever since," says Mr. J. W. Smith, of Julliet, Texas. For biliousness, stomach troubles and constipation these Tablets have no equal. Price 25 cents. For sale by Williams Bros.

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Ashburnham, Ont., April 18, 1903.—I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take my duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without hesitating, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy.

Respectfully yours, E. A. LANGFELDT, M. A., Rector of St. Luke's Church. To Chamberlain Medicine Co.

This remedy is for sale by Williams Bros.

Notice of Administrator's Sale.

Under and by virtue of an order and decree of the Hon. A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate for Shelby County, I will sell at public auction on the premises of the late Chas. M. Carden in Shelby County, on Monday, the 26th day of December, 1904, between the hours of eleven o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, the following described real estate belonging to the estate of Chas. M. Carden, deceased, to-wit:

The northwest qr. of the northwest qr., sec. 14, tp. 24, range 15 east; the southwest qr. of the southwest qr., and 22 acres in northwest qr. of southwest qr., sec. 11, tp. 24, range 15 east; the southeast qr. of southeast qr. and northeast qr. of southeast qr., sec. 1, tp. 24, range 15 east; 24 acres in south end Fraction A, sec. 6, tp. 24, range 16 east; six acre tract in Coosa River Fraction C, sec. 24, tp. 24, range 15 east, containing 233 acres more or less; 25 1/2 acres more or less in Fraction A, Fractional section 18, township 24, range 16 east, lying south of a 57 acre tract devised J. M. Carden, and north of a 42 acre tract devised to John Curtis; all in Shelby County, Alabama.

Terms of sale: One-half cash and balance in One year.

ROSE PEARSON, Administrator.

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Cash & other banks 13,710.30	Rediscouts 18,244.98
Total \$61,294.71	Total \$61,294.71

I, W. L. FARLEY, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. FARLEY, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this July 6th, 1904.

J. R. WHITE, Register in Chancery.

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For Christmas Holidays, the Southern Railway will sell tickets from any station at the very low rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on December 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1904 and January 1, 1905, limited returning January 4, 1905.

STUDENTS RATES. Tickets will also be sold to students of schools and colleges, upon presentation of certificates signed by Principals or Presidents thereof, December 17 to 24 inclusive, with final limit January 8th, 1905.

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Sheriff's Sale.

Whereas an attachment was issued out of the Circuit Court of Shelby County, Alabama, on the 1st day of June, 1904, at the suit of E. C. Parker, Plaintiff, against M. F. Comer, Defendant, and was placed in my hand for levy; and whereas I did, on the 8th day of June, 1904, levy said attachment upon the hereinafter described lands of said defendant, and did make return of same to said Court; and whereas, said E. C. Parker, plaintiff, did, on the 8th day of October, 1904, recover a judgment upon said attachment suit against said M. F. Comer, defendant, in said Circuit Court; and whereas, said Court, did, on the 8th day of October, 1904, order, adjudge and decree that said M. F. Comer, defendant, should pay to said E. C. Parker, plaintiff, the sum of \$100.00, with interest thereon, and whereas the Clerk of said Court, did, on the 5th day of December, 1904, issue said writ of venditione expons commanding me to sell the hereinafter described lands.

Now therefore, under and by virtue of said writ, so issued, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell in front of the Court House Door, in the town of Columbiana, on the 9th day of January, 1905, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate to-wit: The North half of Section one, Township twenty two, Range two West, containing three hundred and twenty acres, more or less, situated in Shelby County, Alabama, as levied upon under said writ of attachment, as the property of the said M. F. Comer, to satisfy, said judgment, and said writ of venditione expons in my hands in favor of said E. C. Parker.

This 6th day of December, 1904.

R. F. COX, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of a Fi. Fa. issued from the Circuit Court of Shelby County, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell, in front of the Court House door, in the town of Columbiana, on the 9th day of January 1905, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, all the right, title and interest Mrs. V. A. Davidson, has in and to the following described property to-wit:

Nw qr. of ne qr., a half of nw qr., sw qr. of nw qr., sec. 8, tp. 24, range 14 east, and se qr., sec. 5, tp. 24, range 14 east, and nw qr. of sw qr., sec. 2, tp. 24, range 2 west, also lot No. 11, in the town of Montevallo, Ala. Levied upon as the property of Mrs. V. A. Davidson, to satisfy said Fi. Fa. issued in favor of Birmingham Dry Goods Co.

This 1st day of December, 1904.

R. F. COX, Sheriff.

Commissioner's Sale.

In pursuance of and in accordance with the terms and directions of a commission issued and addressed to the undersigned by the Hon. A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate Court of Shelby County, bearing date the 14th day of November, 1904, I will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction in front of the court house door of said county, in Columbiana, Ala., on Monday, the 26th day of December, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described real estate, to-wit:

The Northwest qr. of northeast qr., sec. 35, tp. 19, range 1 east; the east half of northeast qr., sec. 34, tp. 19, range 1 east; southeast qr. of southeast qr., sec. 27, tp. 19, range 1 east.

The said land is to be sold under the decree of said court for the purpose of a division between and among the several joint owners thereof, who are as follows, to-wit: George F. Baker, Clinton Baker, William D. Baker, James A. Baker, Martha C. Baker, Bertha A. Lawley, William J. Teague, James A. Teague, Alonzo M. Teague, John W. Teague, Melissa A. Teague, Archie M. Richards, Mandie E. Tempin, Mary D. Riley, Lula Perry, Houston Richards, Custus Richards, Roxie Roach, James Roach, John Roach, George Roach, Houston Roach, Charles K. Roach, Martha M. Yates, Mary J. Sewell, James Platt, Warren Lawley and William E. Baker.

H. M. NORRIS,

Dec. 8-3t. Commissioner.

Notice-Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned on the 29th day of July, 1901, by Jennie S. Edler, and recorded in Volume Fifty-six (56) of record of mortgages, Page Four Hundred and Sixty-four (464) in the Probate Judge's office of Shelby County, Alabama, I will offer for sale at auction to the highest bidder for cash,

EVERY WALK IN LIFE.

A. A. Boyce, a farmer, living three and a half miles from Trenton, Mo., says: "A severe cold settled in my kidneys and developed so quickly that I was obliged to lay off work on account of the aching in my back and sides. For a time I was unable to walk at all, and every make-shift I tried and all the medicine I took had not the slightest effect. My back continued to grow weaker until I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills, and I must say I was more than surprised and gratified to notice the back ache disappearing gradually until it finally stopped."

Doan's Kidney Pills sold by all dealers or mailed on receipt of price, 50 cents per box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Not a "Dead-game Sportsc."

A notable sporting event came off at York 100 years ago. The wife of Colonel Thornton, a well-known citizen, had backed herself to race against Mr. Flint for 500 guineas a side. The crowd was estimated at 100,000, ten times as many as had been present even to see Eclipse first and the rest nowhere. For three miles Mrs. Thornton led, but her horse had "much the shorter stake of the two," and Mr. Flint then forged ahead, and Mrs. Thornton gave up in mercy to her horse. She was much less tender to Mr. Flint. A few days later the York Herald contained a letter from her accusing him of lack of gallantry in refusing to allow a gentleman to ride round with her, so as to be handy for the rescue if her saddle slipped round, as it had done a few days before; in saying, "Keep that side, ma'am," gruffly to her at the starting point, and beating her as badly as he could. She defiantly challenged him again for the next year.—London Chronicle.

Wise Paul.

Paul Revere had just made his famous ride. "I'm so glad I didn't use an automobile," he belated. "Why not?" asked the friend. "I would have been arrested for fast riding."—Chicago News.

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The special advantage of the Couch Casket is found in its relief from that stiffness usually noted in all other designs, and impressing the minds of the friends as well as that of the family with a feeling of peace and restfulness not known before. If it is desired to retain all of the preservation qualities as found in the copper linings, the Couch Casket can be enclosed in a metal lined outside box, which will then answer the double purpose of preserving both the casket as well as the remains.

All undertakers in the south should be in a position to furnish these latest improved goods, as the National Casket Co.'s large plant at Nashville, Tenn., has been especially fitted up for furnishing them on short notice, and large sales already proves that their efforts are being appreciated by the best class of people everywhere.

SOME FAMOUS DOUBLES.

Men Whose Resemblances to Notables Were Startling.

The Emperor Napoleon III. had a double of about his own age in the contractor for public fets during the Second Empire. His name has escaped my recollection. He had also contracts for soldiers' shoes and uniforms, and he kept his stores at the old Hippodrome after the lease to a circus company fell in. His likeness to the emperor startled me the first time I saw him. This happened at the ticket office of the Passy railway station. When I scanned him more closely I saw that he was not Louis Napoleon risen from the grave. No double will bear scrutiny, however well made up, as this particular one would have been. He knew of the resemblance I had noticed, and gloried in it. The Comte de Paris also had a double, or what looked one at a distance. The likeness, strong enough to have been the pivot of a tragedy of errors, disappeared greatly when he took off his hat. The Comte de Paris had a pointed head like the German Emperor; the person I speak of as resembling him had a full forehead projecting near the roots of the hair. I often saw old and young ladies extremely like Queen Victoria. The former mostly came from Frankfurt or part of Franconia, near the Duchy of Coburg. The sister of the late Mrs. Moses Levy of the Daily Telegraph, could, had her complexion been sunburnt, have easily passed at the age of 80 for the late queen. Louis Philippe's double, an Italian named Chiappini, emigrated to the Cape. His grandson-in-law is Mr. Ridd, the associate of Cecil Rhodes. The resemblance was even stronger between Louis Philippe and Chiappini padre. I have somewhere a letter dictated by the late Lord Newborough to his son, and addressed to me, in which his lordship stated that the first time he saw the Citizen King he exclaimed: "What an image of Chiappini!" and could not keep his eyes from following him for a whole evening.

In history we have the false Smerdis. Different impostors passed themselves off as Sebastian, King of Portugal, who was believed to have been killed in a battle with the Moors in Morocco. Miss Jane Porter early in the last century revived the legend in a novel. She sided with those who held Sebastian to have been wounded only, and hunted down by Philip II. of Spain, who seized on his heritage. Three "false Joans of Arc" appeared in the six years following that of her execution. Two of them avoided every one who had known her.—Paris Correspondence London Truth.

SELF-RELIANT SHEEP.

An Incident Full of Discipline, Encouragement and Instruction.

Mr. Owen Wister says that in pursuing the Rocky Mountain sheep, with a gun and a camera, he once witnessed an incident full of discipline, encouragement and instruction. He describes it in "Musk-Ox, Bison, Sheep and Goat." A sheep and lamb were grazing along one of three well-marked terraces which were rimmed with walls of rock.

After a proper period of relaxation, the mother judged it time to go on. She mounted the hill right toward me, not fast, but steadily, waiting now and then, precisely as other parents wait, for her tottering child to come up with her. Here and there were bushes of some close, stiff leaf, which she walked through easily, but which were too many for the struggling child.

The lamb would sometimes get into the middle of one of these and find it self unable to push through; after one or two little efforts, it would back out and go round some other way, and then I saw it making haste to where its mother stood waiting. Upon one of these occasions the mother received it with a manner that seemed almost to say, "Good gracious! At your age I found no trouble with a thing of that kind."

While I was wondering what on earth they would do when they found themselves stepping upon the terrace into my lap, the ewe found a way she liked better, but it was severe work for the lamb. The mother got to the wall where she could make one leap of it. It was done in a flash.

Meanwhile, the poor little lamb was vainly springing at the wall; the jump was too high for it. Its front hoofs just grazed the edge, and back it tumbled to try again. Finally it bleated; but the mother deemed this not a moment for indulgence. She gave not the slightest attention to the cry for assistance. There was nothing dangerous about the place, no unreasonable hardship in getting the best of the wall; and by her own processes, thought or instinct, she left her child to meet one of the natural difficulties of life, and so gain self-reliance.

The mother did undoubtedly not use the words "self-reliance" or "natural difficulties," but if she had not her sheep equivalent for what these words impart, her species would long ago have perished off the earth. The mountain sheep is a master of the art of self-preservation. The maternal instinct of this ewe made her force the young one to climb for itself.

Making of Glass in Japan.

In Social Science it is said that the art of making glass was introduced into Japan about 150 years ago by a Hollander who settled at Osaka. For several generations the knowledge of the process was confined to a single family, and it was not until about 1879 that the employment of coal instead of charcoal, and the construction of brick chimneys enabled the manufacturers to introduce improvements which placed the industry on a substantial basis. Osaka has continued to be the centre of the industry, and now manufactures for export, besides supplying the home demand.

An Extraordinary Feat.

Admiral Togo's report that in a recent engagement he arranged his ships in a formation representing the first letter of the Japanese alphabet, leads a London paper to say most unkindly that we have all been doing the Japanese alphabet a great injustice if it contain letters into the shape of which a fleet of ships can be arranged without bending them.

SAHARA'S STRANGE CITY.

Arauan Exists Solely on Account of Its Supply of Water.

France's growing influence in the Sahara has just been illustrated in a remarkable manner. The inhabitants of the famous town of Arauan sent their leading men to France, voluntarily offering to place their town under the government of France. They asked that officials be sent there to establish French rule.

The French had not been within many miles of the place. Only two white men had ever seen it. One of them was Major Laing, who passed through Arauan in 1820, and a day or two later was murdered near the town.

The other was an Austrian explorer, Lenz, who visited Arauan in 1880 and wrote the only description of it that we possess. He found that the sheik who ruled Arauan had in his possession the papers and other property of the murdered Laing, but would not part with them. There is little doubt that France will now secure them and that the mystery of the later adventures of this daring explorer will be cleared up.

There is no other town in the Sahara like Arauan. It cannot be called an oasis, for it is in the midst of the wildest and waste in the great desert, and scarcely a blade of grass grows there.

There is enough vegetation to feed a few sheep and camels, but the people seldom have any fodder to sell, and yet there is good reason why about one hundred houses have stood here for generations among the great sand dunes that tower around them.

From the flat roofs of the houses nothing can be seen but the pale yellow sand hills. It would be inconceivable that human beings could live in such a place if we did not know that the town has an extraordinarily large quantity of water.

Arauan occupies a depression in the desert, and though water is obtained only by digging very deep wells it is in inexhaustible supply. The town is on the caravan route from Timbuktu, and at Arauan one branch of the road leads to Algeria and the other to Morocco.

No caravan is so large that it cannot be supplied there with all the water it needs. It is the one commodity of the place. The inhabitants make their living by selling it. There are two reasons why the people have not been able, even with boundless water resources, to create an island of verdure in the midst of the frightful sand waste. In the first place the water is drawn only from very deep wells and the labor of arising it would make it impossible to cultivate any large area.

Then the sand is very deep and only in a few small areas can soil be reached on which crops can be grown. Water will not make grass and olive trees grow where their roots would penetrate no kind of earth save minute fragments of quartz.

So the supplies for the people of Arauan have always been brought from Timbuktu, 130 miles to the south. Water pays for everything they possess excepting the clay of which their houses are built, and this they obtain when they dig their deep wells, for the excavations extend through the sandy surface to clay beds.

The fact that the people would starve if Timbuktu were not their granary doubtless explains the voluntary submission of this desert folk to the French. Timbuktu is now the capital of a large district in the French western Sudan. The natives have water, but the only sources of their food supply are in the hands of white men.

This is the reason why these isolated and fanatical people have gone to the whites to beg for friendship and protection.—New York Sun.

Theft has become so prevalent in Stanford University that President Jordan has issued an appeal to the whole student body to assist him in running down the criminals.

Red blood is always better than blue vision. None are so poor as those who do not love people.

HAPPY CHILDHOOD.

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CHINESE BIRD CHOIRS.

Feathered Songsters from Flowery Kingdom Found in New York City.

Since the Boxer war the American bird fanciers have become more and more acquainted with the wonderful feathered creatures of the Middle Kingdom. A number of large importations were made six months ago, and since then hundreds of cages with brilliant feathered occupants have been coming in upon every vessel and steamer from Chinese ports.

"There's a great demand for Chinese birds," said a Fourth Avenue dealer, in speaking of the late importations. "I don't know why it is, I'm sure, unless people have been reading bird books and books of Chinese travels, and have whetted their imagination from what they read. I have calls for all sorts of flying things from the Celestial country, and in many cases, I have to ask the customer to describe the birds to me, for I never heard of them. This branch of natural history as far as China is concerned has been sadly neglected, and about all I have ever learned upon the subject I have gleaned from the consular reports and that's mighty little, I can tell you."

"There's an ex-consul's wife who lives just outside the city who knows more about Chinese birds than any person in New York, I reckon, and I send to her for my information, especially when a bird comes to my shop which I don't understand. Sometimes she'll drop in and sing to it in Chinese, or whistle to it, and it will brighten up and seem to be as glad to hear its own language as a man."

"Yes, we're getting some queer specimens in. There's the golden eagle which the mandarins train for the chase. He's a noble bird, but I don't know how he will stand the climate here. The 'country priest' is another. It's a customer of mine calls it the Shang-Ho-Shang. I wouldn't be sure that it's correct as to name, but anyhow the bird nestles up to him, and I guess he knows. The Mongolians have bred a curious species of cuckoo or ku ku as they call it, who moans and cries almost like an infant, I understand. They say it weeps blood when it loses its mate, and Chinese poetry is full of romantic reminders of this strange bird. We haven't had them yet, but we hope to by spring. I've just heard of a kind of thrush that is new to me, which a Chinese merchant has imported into San Francisco. It is called the tinted eyebrow, on account of the strange markings above the eyes. From all accounts it is a beautiful creature, being clothed in feathers of golden gray and olive. It is a good singer, too, and lifts its so-called tinted eyebrows when it strikes an especially high note."

"As for the peeh-ling, or 'bird of a thousand souls,' I'd give anything for one. Several have been started on the journey from Hongkong to San Francisco for me, but so far they have not survived the journey, but I have hopes. "Shall I try the experiment again? Oh, yes; I order one sent every few months, and some time I'll be able to raise one right here in New York. When I lose my feathered guest by sickness on the sea and his little body is delivered to me per express, I send for the ex-consul's wife, and she comes to my store and gives me an imitation of the song of the 'peeh-ling.' It is beautiful. The imitation is, and she says it's a mighty poor echo. Perhaps when I hear the real one sing, however, I may wish I had been satisfied with the imitation."—New York Post.

Little Prince Humbert's Nurse.

Little Prince Humbert's new nurse is now a conspicuous personage in contemporary history. The wife of a gamekeeper in the royal service, she is twenty-three, and has "a magnificent figure," writes an enthusiast, "superb black hair, and beautiful teeth." Around her raven tresses she wears "an aureole of ribbon" adorned with gold hairpins, and her costume is that of a nurse in the well-to-do middle class of Rome. This fortunate young woman is paid £23 a month for her years, and is likely to have a pension of £100 a year for the rest of her life. And think of the perquisites! To begin with, a handsome gift at the little prince's baptism, another for his first tooth, a third when he begins to walk—O joyful day!—and after that, goodness knows what! Probably this lucky nurse is not much disturbed by the grumbling of the Italian Republicans because Little Humbert's title is Prince of Piedmont instead of Prince of Rome. "Cringing to the Vatican," they call it.—London Chronicle.

His Delicate Memory.

"You think a good deal of your memory, don't you, John?" "Yes, my dear."

"Then suppose you step in a department store and bring me ten yards of pale blue bengaline, two yards of yellow tulle, plain; a collar frame, size No. 13, with rounded points; a spool of black silk, No. 60, and a yard of narrowest featherbone. Then get a pound of mixed tea, and while you're down that way you may as well pay a tinner to enter and ask them to send up the piano rent either Tuesday or Friday afternoon, between 2 and 4 o'clock. And see if you can find a couple of boxes of good strawberries. Don't pay more than 20 cents. And if there's any mint in the market—why, John, what's the matter?"

"Do you expect me to keep all those tangles in mind?" "You brag about your memory, don't you?"

"Yes, but do you think I want it wrecked?"—Newark News.

British Jam Invades France.

The entente cordiale, and no mistake! At a restaurant in Paris the other day I noticed upon the menu at the restaurant where I was dining, these two words, "Le Dundee." At the witching moment the waiter advanced with a smile of suppressed triumph. "Le Dundee," he murmured in a whisper, and helped me to two large tablespoonsful of my old friend, Scotch marmalade. Everybody in Paris today eats marmalade but at dinner, and in place of a sweet, without bread.—Gentleman.

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On the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the death of Schiller (May 9, 1905), the Swiss Government intends to give every pupil in the public schools a copy of that poet's play, "William Tell." The sum of \$20,000 has been set aside for this purpose.

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Street Car Company Party to Divorce Suit. Myron E. Ross and the Metropolitan Street Railway company are made joint defendants in a divorce suit filed in the circuit court yesterday by Pearl L. Ross. This odd case arose out of a judgment that was obtained by Myron Ross of \$2000 against the street railway company, and which it is the wish of the wife to share. The divorce was filed pending the result of the damage suit, and it was refilled in order to embody the judgment feature for alimony.—Kansas City Times.

When the transformation of cities by electric power and light is completed we may expect the air to be practically as pure as that of the country.



Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thompson, of Lillydale, N.Y., Grand Worthy Wife Templar, and Member of W.C.T.U., tells how she recovered by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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COTTON SITUATION

President Jordan issues an appeal. All sections stirred to action

FARMERS URGED TO HOLD COTTON.

All Producers Urged to Attend National Cotton Convention—Mass Meetings Being Held.

Montgomery, Ala.—That there is to be concerted action on the part of leading cotton growers in the south looking toward the restoration of prices for the staple is proved by the agitation now in progress in every section of the south.

Commissioner of Agriculture R. R. Poole received a telegram from Greenville, Tex., signed by E. S. Pettus and N. C. Murray, telling of a mass meeting of cotton representatives from Texas, Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory to be held on December 17th in Greenville. At this big mass meeting important resolutions will be drawn up for planters in other states to hold their cotton, assuring the people that Texas would hold on to its residue crop.

Commissioner Poole has also received a communication from H. M. Burt, of Talladega, who suggests most earnestly that he urge the cotton planters of Alabama to hold their remaining crop until the price goes back to ten cents. Mr. Burt said:

"The bears are determined to rob the people of their labor and will do so if we only permit it."

Jordan's Appeal.
A lengthy appeal to the south, including merchants, bankers and planters, sent out by Harvie Jordan, of Monticello, Ga., president of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association, has gained wide circulation.

"The bearish bureau report issued from the department of agriculture on December 3d, indicating a crop of 12,162,000 bales, gave the speculators the opportunity they had been praying for," says President Jordan in his appeal, "and in less than thirty minutes nearly \$30,000,000 in value was struck from the pockets of southern farmers."

"Every dollar's loss on cotton sold at present prices will go into the pockets of these speculators, and it remains for the present owners and holders of at least 5,000,000 bales of this crop to say whether this unrighteous hold-up and high-handed robbery shall be quietly submitted to."

President Jordan declares that the bureau report just issued is in excess of this year's cotton yield and attaches no confidence in the ginners' report. "I now call upon every producer who is holding cotton, and who can possibly do so, to attend the National Cotton Convention to be held in Shreveport, La., December 12, 13, 14 and 15." Continuing, the president of the association says: "there to take definite action looking to the holding of the balance of the crop until prices advance."

At this convention it will be the sense of the leaders that next year's cotton acreage should be reduced 25 per cent and the crop be cut down to about 10,000,000 bales.

Suggestion to Burn All the Surplus Cotton.

Courtland, Ala.—The people of Lawrence county, and particularly that section adjacent to Courtland, are as patriotic as any on earth and are willing to contribute their full share to the general prosperity of the south. The government report on the cotton crop found a great many of them with hundreds of bales of cotton on hand and not all of their debts paid. When the report came out, as is now a matter of history, the price of the staple, on which the south relied for a livelihood, dropped below the cost of production.

With the view of discussing ways and means of reducing the ruin, a few of the representative men of this community met and promulgated the plans and resolutions set out below. The originators of these suggestions do not know that they will accomplish the desired end, but they are all willing to sacrifice their holdings to a large extent to alleviate the common misfortune. The address is as follows:

"To Newspapers, Cotton Exchanges, Merchants and Cotton Growers:

"We believe that the government estimate of the cotton crop is too large by 750,000 bales, but should we be mistaken what plan is best to dispose of the surplus? With the co-operation of cotton growers, merchants and cotton exchanges of the cotton belt, why can not a plan by all interested be formed to voluntarily contribute from each cotton growing state a sufficient number of bales of cotton, based on the

production of each state, to make 1,000,000 bales, this to be burned or otherwise destroyed under the supervision of the Cotton Exchange, Board of Trade or corporate authorities of the town or community in which it is grown? If this plan is feasible we, the undersigned citizens of Courtland, Lawrence county, Alabama, obligate ourselves to contribute our pro rata share of cotton, be it fifty bales or more, as a starter to reduce this surplus and obtain a fair price for the balance of the crop."

The gentlemen who have signed the above are representative business men of this community.

Texas Growers Will Hold.

New Orleans.—Some strength was given to the cotton market today by a telegram to W. P. Brown, from President Peters, of the Texas Cotton Growers' Association, and other prominent Texas cotton men. The telegram said that a mass meeting of cotton planters had been called in every county in Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma to take place December 17th to devise ways and means to hold cotton. It was added that Texas would hold hers.

It was considered not improbable that a meeting of the planters and country bankers in all the southern states growing cotton would be held here about the date of the Texas meeting to consider means to meet the conditions imposed by the report of the bureau of agriculture.

North Carolina Loyal.

Raleigh, N. C.—Some of the best informed cotton men in North Carolina say positively that the growers here will hold all of their crop they can. They are now preparing to store cotton, and can, of course, secure advances upon it. A proposition is made in one of the leading papers in the state that the cotton growers shall unite, put only 20 per cent of their crops on the market, making a solemn pledge to this effect and also pledge themselves to reduce acreage next season 25 per cent. It is urged that these pledges be filed with the state commissioner of agriculture.

Some persons have contended that the farmers will not work together and can not be all gotten in line, but that some will try to overreach each other. In reply it is pointed out that they did all unite in refusing to use cotton bagging made by the trusts and so put the latter out of business. It is further shown that the North Carolina tobacco growers united this year and reduced their acreage from 20 to 50 per cent in accordance with agreement. The farmers think 10 cents per pound is the fair and correct price for their cotton and the action suggested is in the line obtaining that figure.

A Georgia Man's Opinion.

Macon, Ga.—A new theory has been advanced for the recent slump in the market price of cotton. William McEwen Johnston, the cotton mill operator of this city, attributes the decline in part to the predictions of a large crop made by certain cotton men of the north, enforced by misrepresentative statements of the condition of affairs down south.

Mr. Johnston says such men as Theodore H. Price of New York, are influenced by selfish motives in circulating certain reports in the shape of letters and statements through the press with regard to such an enormous cotton crop for this year. Quoting from T. H. Price's cotton letter of Wednesday, where he predicts that this year's cotton crop will be 13,000,000 bales, Mr. Johnston suggests that the men who make such estimates are themselves interested in the market price of cotton from a financial standpoint; that they wish to produce a bearish effect on the market so as to be able to buy low and sell high.

To substantiate his view Mr. Johnston permits the newspapers to publish a letter received from a friend in Texas, whom he knows to be undoubtedly reliable. The letter contains the following:

"T. H. Price sent down here a week or more ago to have some one to have some photographs taken of cotton being picked, if it did not cost over \$25, and sent to him at once. They found one field (only a corner of it) and they put some negroes in it and then went to picking, and I suppose Price exhibited this and bore the market—a clear misrepresentation of the condition of things here."

To further show that this was in truth the intention of Price when he sent to Texas for the photographs, Mr. Johnston cites Price's cotton letter of Wednesday, in which he says:

"I am supplied with photographs of a number of fields in the south which I shall shortly publish, and which gives indisputable evidence of the fact that a large amount of cotton is still un-picked." Backed by the letter of his friend in Texas, Mr. Johnston declares that if these photographs are exhibited they will grossly misrepresent the actual conditions down south, giving color, as they will, to cotton predictions continually made by Price—thereby producing more decided slumps in the market price of cotton than have heretofore been the order of the day.

Japan's Credit.

from the New York Times.
Uncle Sam smiles on the Jap as a borrower and will discount his paper with pleasure. The little brown Oriental's credit is good everywhere, even in Moscow, where the capitalists are quite a snug lot of Japanese securities stored away, rated as gilt-edged even in the financial schedules of those who are at war with them.

State Treasurer Reports.

Montgomery, Ala.—State Treasurer J. Craig Smith gave out his annual report to the governor, which is for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1904. The report comprises all receipts and disbursements by this department during the fiscal year, also a condensed statement of the bonded debt of the state, with a numerical list of coupon bonds, exchanged and superseded by registered bonds.

According to his report there was a balance on hand at the close of business, September 30, 1904, \$1,191,224.42. There was a balance on hand on September 30, 1903, of \$894,056.56. Receipts from October 1, 1903, to September 30, 1904, were \$3,201,339.71. The disbursements for the fiscal year were \$3,008,771.84. The general fund amounted to \$1,858,148.80. In the general fund is included the money received from the convict bureau for hire of convicts, which amounted to \$495,109.54, insurance department \$85,854.30, department of agriculture \$72,143.66, licenses, general, \$308,000.37, from state taxes of 1903, \$709,051.66, tax on record of mortgages, \$59,321.99, and several other smaller items.

For the education fund there was received \$1,017,797.49. Poll taxes paid \$125,932.29 of this. The total bonded indebtedness of the state is \$9,357,600. There are \$185,400 worth of bonds that have been barred by the statute of limitation. The annual interest on the standing bonds amount to \$448,650.

Alabama Officials Clash.

Washington.—Two Alabama officials came to blows in the office of the assistant secretary of the treasury. William F. Tebbetts, collector of customs at Mobile, was the slightly injured party, and J. O. Thompson, collector of internal revenue, administered the blow. Mr. Thompson, Postmaster Hughes and Mr. J. B. Cobbs, president of the Alabama National bank, dropped into the office of Secretary Armstrong to pay their respects. Mr. Tebbetts was at the time engaged in conversation with the secretary, and in response to a salutation Thompson gave to the secretary and Mr. Tebbetts the latter failed to respond, but left the desk and took a seat on a nearby sofa. It is claimed by friends of Thompson that he paid no attention to Tebbetts' action, believing that it had not been noticed by the secretary. Tebbetts, however, is reported to have risen from his place and walked deliberately between the secretary and Thompson over to Cobbs and Hughes, whom he greeted very cordially, ignoring Thompson. The slight offered Thompson then became apparent to all present, and the Birmingham collector at once resented it.

"I can not be insulted in this manner," Mr. Thompson is reported as saying to Tebbetts, "and you are an infamous scoundrel, sir."

Tebbetts walked over to where Secretary Armstrong was standing and is said to have replied, "You are an infamous scoundrel."

The words had hardly left Tebbetts' mouth before Thompson's fist landed on his face and the secretary's office was in an uproar. The blow struck by Thompson was not a very severe one, and Tebbetts managed to stand up under it.

Oil in Alabama.

Decatur, Ala.—The reports printed in the daily press all over the country to the effect that Major John W. Otley had made a rich find of oil at Humble, Tex., has awakened much interest throughout north Alabama from the fact that in 1901 the United States government sent Major Otley to north Alabama to make a geological survey of this section.

In his report of the oil fields of north Alabama, Major Otley has this to say: "The points recently examined were the most pronounced I have ever met with, and I unhesitatingly pronounce these fields in Morgan, Lawrence, Franklin and Colbert counties equal to any fields east of the Mississippi basin."

Major Otley's opinion of oil fields has proven to be correct in every particular in the sections where a thorough test has been made. It was Major Otley who located the great oil fields at Beaumont, Tex., a few years ago for Captain A. F. Lucas. It is the belief of the people here that oil in paying quantities for this region can be found here.

Speaking further of this locality as an oil field, Major Otley said: "The north Alabama oil fields are located in the Hartselle, Decatur, Russellville and Moulton valley sections of north Alabama. This field is an extension of the great Appalachian oil belt which extends from Canada to the gulf of Mexico. The development of this section of north Alabama will undoubtedly prove a very rich field in both illuminating and lubricating oil."

Wells are now being drilled near Huntsville, Ala., in Madison county, near Athens, Ala., in Limestone county, and at several points in southern Tennessee near the Alabama line.

Central Contracts for Cars.

Macon, Ga.—A special to the Telegraph from Waycross, Ga., says that the Atlantic Car and Manufacturing Company of Waycross yesterday closed contracts with the Central of Georgia railroad for the construction of 500 freight cars to be delivered early next year. This contract will mean the employment of 400 workmen at the car factory for at least three months.

NEW CAPITOL NEEDED

Alabama's Famous Old State House is now inadequate for present requirements.

BOND ISSUE PROPOSED.

Last Legislature Appropriated \$150,000 for Repairs—This Amount Not Sufficient.

Montgomery, Ala.—Alabama's need of a modern building for the transaction of the business of the commonwealth is so apparent that he who even walks along the street may read and appreciate it. It was so plain to the last session of the legislature that \$150,000 was appropriated with which to repair the old building now used as a capitol. Not an officer of the state but is brought face to face with the necessity of a dozen painful times a day. Quarters are cramped and crowded, books and records are, from the lack of filing space, left exposed to the dirt and atmosphere, and much of the furniture in use was bought many decades ago. One thing or another has delayed the commencement of work on repairs authorized in the already mentioned appropriation until it is beginning to be believed that the problem of making the present old structure at all comfortable with the money available is too great for the capitol improvement commission to solve. With this comes the query: "Why improve at all?" and the consequent interrogation, "Why not build a capitol in keeping with the importance of the state, and adequate to all the present and constantly growing demands of the many and varied business interests?" This question was put to a member of the commission this week. "That may yet be the outcome," he replied. Why should Mississippi, with nothing but its farming and lumber interests, be more able to own and enjoy a million dollar capitol built on modern and convenient plans than Alabama, the iron price maker of the world, owner of scores of furnaces and the only practical steel and steel rail-making industries of the south?

Why Not Build?
The question is asked often enough to be noticeable, but the idea is by no means generally discussed, or for that matter, popular, so far as can be ascertained. But why not? Birmingham could furnish the iron and steel for the frame work, Montgomery the timber and high-grade lumber, Talladega county the marble, Franklin the stone, Mobile the fine imported goods for its furnishings, and the whole state join in many other things needed to complete the needs of such a structure. The old building could be utilized and so put to service as to preserve its sacred memories and retain its beloved surroundings. Nowhere in the whole world is there a prettier site for a beautiful architectural pile than Capitol Hill, and no street in Washington even is capable of being made more beautiful than historic Dexter avenue, by which the capital is reached from the city proper. With the land now being sued for by the state on condemnatory proceedings, the very highest conception of architectural beauty and lawn and garden symmetry could be exemplified. With the old building in use in memory of its having sheltered the infant confederacy at its birth, the splendid monument to keep ever green the glorious deeds of Alabama's sons in the struggle to maintain the new nation, and a magnificent temple to emphasize the modern spirit and push and enterprise, Alabama could stand proudly and squarely in the front line with the great states of Uncle Sam's united family. This may not be done, and likely will not soon, but every person who loves the grand old commonwealth and wishes it to be seen and known of the whole world for what it surely is in the modern thought and industry of the nation, would rejoice in such a consummation.

Confederate S. and S. Monument.
Birmingham.—The sub bases for the Confederate soldiers and sailors' monument in Capitol park are being hewn by Archer & Clapp, of Birmingham. The chiseling of the shaft is in progress. The contracts were let some weeks ago, and the work is being rushed as rapidly as possible in order that the monument may be ready for unveiling on April 26th, Memorial day.

The base for the monument has been built for years, and a cannon captured during the Spanish-American war has occupied it since 1898. Now the stone cutters are building two sub bases which are to go on the old base.

The old base cost Pelham chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, about \$1,000, and the two sub bases and the shaft are to cost about \$2,000, all of the money for which is subject to the check of the chapter and is drawing interest at one of the banks.

The monument is to be forty-two feet and is to be of Alabama marble, a beautiful grade of which is being used. The two sub bases will be about six feet each and the shaft will be thirty feet. It is to be in three sections, joined together by wreaths of laurel.

The shaft will be very imposing. The lower base is about fourteen feet square and the shaft tapers to something over one foot at the top.

Must Pay Up.

The present state administration is conducted on the principle of "pay what thou owest." If peaceably, all right, but, after a contest in the Governor Cunningham and Attorney General Wilson are suing for two big sums, one against the Continental Trust Company, of Baltimore, for \$75,000 mortgage tax record fees, and the other against the Fidelity Deposit Company, of Baltimore, for \$12,000 alleged shortage in the accounts of John Case, former tax collector of Mobile county. It is confidently believed that both amounts are justly due, and will be secured. The idea of following out business methods is not altogether a new one in Alabama, however. Governor Jelks and his predecessors have set good example along this line. It is interesting to note that if these two sums are collected they should net the state about \$85,000, which would pay salaries to two governors for eight and one-half years, and be quite a feather in the official headgear of the officials now conducting the negotiations.

New Bond Issue.
Another question just now under consideration is the refunding of the state debt, which may or may not be taken up by the acting governor, who is making a study of the situation in all its features.

Of the \$9,537,600 of the debt, \$9,903,600 will be due in 1905, part in January and part in June. Governor Jelks, who is ill in New Mexico, wishes this matter put off until he can get back to his desk if possible, and as it is said now that he is improving so rapidly as to promise return by the early part of the new year, he may be able to take the duty in hand. It is regarded as certain that whoever negotiates the refunding, a good contract can be made, as the state is rich in not only its industries and lands, but income as well. Many have suggested that the people of the state be allowed to subscribe to a new issue on a popular plan. The impression is, however, that the new issue will be exchanged for the old in the regular way, and a low rate will be secured.

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New Steamship Company.

Mobile.—There is great interest here in the inauguration of the boats of the American Fruit and Steamship Company, which will begin shipments to Mobile from Puerto Cortez on January 1st. The company has a capital of \$5,000,000 with a great deal of Alabama money interested. At the present time the company owns plantations with capacity of 5,000 bunches of bananas a week, which will be increased to 7,000 by the first of the year. The headquarters of the company will be in Mobile. The president of the company is William E. Wason, former United States senator from Illinois.

Alabamians in Washington.

Washington, D. C.—The committee appointed by the Alabama River Convention, recently held at Montgomery, is here to present arguments to the rivers and harbors committee for the improvement of the Alabama river to give a six foot channel from Wetumpka to Mobile.

The Alabamians here today on this mission are: W. F. Vandiver, of Montgomery; John Quill, of Mobile; Winthorne Woolsey, W. R. Peacock, and E. C. Melvin, of Selma; Dr. F. B. McCoskey, of Wetumpka, and W. F. Black, of Montgomery, secretary. Those expected are C. F. Moritz and W. M. Teague, of Montgomery, and F. L. Tate, of Wetumpka.

Final Estimates of Acreage.

Washington.—The final estimates of the total acreage, production and farm values of the principal crops for 1904 will be issued on December 26th at 4 p. m.

Vulcan Going to Portland.

Birmingham.—At a meeting of the Commercial Club it was decided to send "The Iron Man" Vulcan to the Portland, Oregon, exposition in 1905. They have refused to sell the statue.

New Railroad to Selma.

Birmingham.—The question of the building of an air line railroad from Birmingham to Selma is being revived, and Col. F. M. Abbott, of Selma, has been in the city during the week to promote the interests of the proposed road.

The distance from Birmingham to Selma is only sixty-seven miles, and with the construction of the line the Birmingham district would be in immediate touch with water transportation. The Alabama river at Selma is practically navigable the year round, coal could be handled by the system and if an air line road were constructed from this city to Selma export traffic men assert that iron and coal could be handled, by the system of having the cars dump their freight upon the docks at something like the mere cost of drayage on the present system.

Rumors are to the effect that both the Southern and Louisville and Nashville are backing the scheme to construct the new road.

Investigating Alabama Land.

Washington.—The United States geological survey is extending its topographic work to embrace the region adjacent to the Tombigbee river, both in Alabama and Mississippi, and is giving special attention to the cement rock and other mineral resources of that district. As the water supply is of interest in connection with navigation, M. R. Hall, who is in charge of the hydrographic work in that area, has been directed to investigate the conditions at Epes Landing, Ala., and to establish a gauging station at that point, if conditions are favorable. A gauging station is now maintained by the survey at Columbus, Miss., while two stations are located on the Black Warrior river, above Demopolis.

Fatal Hunting Accident.

Dalton, Ga.—John Cash shot and accidentally killed his 14-year-old son, Alex, near Dalton. They were out rabbit hunting, and in attempting to shoot at a rabbit the gun was accidentally discharged by the father, the contents taking effect in his son's back. Death was almost instantaneous.

Turkey Again in Trouble.

Vienna.—The Austrian government, it is understood, intends to send a fleet to Turkish waters to support the demands presented to the Porte by the Austrian ambassador for the dismissal and punishment within three days of the officials who forcibly detained the Austrian mails at Scutari recently. This ultimatum was presented to the Porte Monday.

Kuroki Loses Another Son.

Tokio.—In the fighting of November 30th the second son of General Kuroki was killed at 203 Meter Hill. His eldest son was killed in the battle of Panshan Hill.

Big Money Running Blockade.

San Francisco.—H. Frankel, of Shanghai, who arrived on the steamship Siberia, says that the blockade runners are making fortunes carrying supplies of food and money from Shanghai to the Russians at Port Arthur. One steamer ran in 300,000 rifles and 8,500 head of cattle in October last and cleared \$280,000.

Another National Cemetery.

Washington.—Representative Brownlow, of Tennessee, introduced a bill in the house Monday authorizing the secretary of war to accept the tract of land near Greenville, Tenn., where lies the remains of Andrew Johnson, late president of the United States, which was donated under the will of Martha J. Patterson and from the heirs of W. B. Bachman, all descendants of the former president. This tract contains not over ten acres.

Upon the presentation of a good and perfect title to the land the secretary of war is authorized to accept the same and establish thereon a national cemetery of the fourth class.

First Campaign Emblem.

So far as known, the first campaign emblem was a finger ring of copper. It was worn by the adherents of John Quincy Adams in 1825, when he ran for president, and was inscribed "John Quincy Adams, 1825." Tintypes and medallions were among the insignia of the 1860 campaign.

World's Fair Figures.

St. Louis, Mo.—A statement of the total admissions to the world's fair from April 1 to December 1, inclusive, gives the attendance at 18,740,073. The figures for the closing day are 202,101.

Dr. Barbee Dead.

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. James D. Barbee, one of the most distinguished Methodist divines in the south, and a leader in Southern Methodism, is dead at his home in this city, aged 72. Dr. Barbee was a native of Alabama, and was for a number of years one of the agents of the Southern Methodist Publishing House.

\$24,000,000 for Good Roads.

Washington.—Senator Latimer, from the committee on agriculture and forestry, has reported favorably his bill for national aid to good roads. The bill provides an appropriation of \$24,000,000 to be divided among the states according to population. The states are to do the work of constructing and improving the roads and pay one-half of the cost, the government paying the other half.

CONGRESS IN SESSION

Both Houses Convene For the Last Session of the Term.

ADJOURNMENT IS THEN TAKEN

The Usual Scenes of an Opening of Congress Are Witnessed—Many Floral Tributes—Hilarity in the House—New Members Seated—Remembrances of Hoar and Quay.

Washington, D. C.—Congress and real winter weather came down upon Washington, and although Congress got through with its work early the weather kept right on. Up in the big white domed building on Capitol Hill there were enacted again the scenes that usually mark the first day of a legislative session. The crowds were as great in spite of disagreeable things underfoot and overhead, and the attendance of Senators and Representatives was up to the first day standard. They were well worth seeing, these opening ceremonies, even by those who had witnessed many Congresses come and go. Everybody was in good humor, defeated Democrats as well as re-elected Republicans. Those fortunate enough to get into the galleries were in holiday mood, particularly the women, most of whom wore their best outdoor gowns.

In the corridors of the Senate and the House, and in fact all over the Capitol, visitors pushed and jostled each other. All of them seemed to be hurrying somewhere and getting nowhere. The national character of Washington's population was pretty well demonstrated by the fact that every Senator or Representative who went out into the corridors, no matter what part of the country he hailed from, was buttonholed by constituents who reside here. It was a conglomerate crowd, and exceedingly interesting. Those who could not get into the galleries of the Senate wandered over to the House, and finding admission there an equally helpless task, wandered back Senatward, or into the restaurants, or stood around the Rotunda or Statuary Hall. A restless crowd it was, but an orderly one, apparently in the best of humor.

The boys who serve as pages in the Senate and the House were kept busy all the morning carrying in and placing on the desks of members big bunches of roses and chrysanthemums and other floral tributes.

Seventy-five members of the upper house attended the opening session. The session was brief and perfunctory. After the roll call the appointment of committees to notify the House and the President that the Senate was ready for business, and the adoption of resolutions out of respect to the memory of the late Senators Hoar and Quay, the Senate adjourned until the next day.

Over on the House side the scenes were less dignified and quiet, but more interesting to the general run of spectators. The floor was alive with the crowds of Representatives and others, and shouts of laughter went up from every group.

The public galleries were filled, but the spectators numbered only half as many as on previous opening days, for the reason that the new arrangement of seats has reduced the gallery capacity from 1200 to 600. On this account, and to prevent overcrowding and confusion, admission was limited to those holding tickets furnished by members.

The thunder of voices ceased suddenly when the Speaker arose and read down. While the session lasted nearly an hour, as against twelve minutes for the Senate, no business of any importance was transacted. The most interesting feature of the proceedings was the swearing in of six new members elected to fill vacancies in the present House, after which an adjournment was taken in memory of the late Senators Quay and Hoar.

With the galleries of both houses crowded with spectators, and the floors of the chambers almost filled with immense floral pieces sent by friends of the legislators, the second session of the Fifty-eighth Congress the next day heard President Roosevelt's message.

MAYOR WAS DETAINED.

Protest Against Examination as to Fitness to Enter This Country.

St. John, N. B.—Louis Caplin, Mayor of St. Pierre and Miquelon, a French possession in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and three other men from the same place, were detained here by United States Immigration Agent Hapburg and held for examination as to their fitness to enter the United States. They arrived at 6:30 o'clock in the morning and boarded the Boston train on their way to New York, there to take steamer for France. They say they were ordered from their car and held for the next train, at 6 o'clock at night, thus making them lose the day and preventing a proposed stay in Boston, where they had business. The Mayor said that he intended complaining to the French Consul in New York.

Ice Closes Hudson.

The New York night boats from Albany and Troy, N. Y., battered with the ice in their last trip of the season, which marked the closing of navigation on the Hudson River.

General Gripenberg En Route. General Gripenberg, a special cable dispatch stated, left Hapburg, where the second Russian army was assembled, to meet General Kuropatkin.

NEW CUBAN BOND PLAN.

Loan of \$12,000,000 and Use of Surplus to Pay Veterans.

Havana, Cuba.—Leading members of the Cuban Congress are now advocating the winding up of veterans' claims by the payment of seventy-five per cent thereof. It is estimated that the money required for such a settlement could be provided by an additional loan of \$12,000,000, together with the accumulation of the Government surplus. President Palma favors the plan.

Iron is Booming.
There is a strong demand still for pig iron in the Birmingham district, and some nice sales are being made. The quotations remain firm at from \$13.50 to \$13.70 for No. 2 foundry. One of the larger interests in the district announces that the sales from day to day this month have been greater than the make from day to day. In other words, the sales with this company so far in December aggregate more than the production.

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And we are glad the Street Fair is over with.

One week from next Sunday is Christmas day.

Don't forget that it is just two years until another election, pay your poll tax and be ready.

There were 18,500,000 persons attended the World's Fair in St. Louis, and the receipts were \$10,000,000.

Have you paid your poll tax, if not you had better do so now, if you are caught napping you may regret it.

The first and most important question in the land today is a pure ballot, untainted by fraud or corruption.

The new jail will be completed this week. The prisoners have already been moved from the old jail into the new one.

We understand a stock law election will be called in several of the beats during the month of January next, let every man pay his poll tax and be prepared to vote.

The Christmas edition of the Montgomery Advertiser of last Sunday contained 92 pages, being one of the largest papers ever issued in Alabama by any newspaper.

We now have good roads in this county, better than they were a year ago, but they ought to be improved year after year, and by so doing the value of property increases very fast.

Calera is going to have an election on January 9th, 1905, for the purpose of determining whether or not the City of Calera shall issue bonds to the amount of \$5000 to build a school building.

The Tax Assessor and Tax Collector will be at the Courthouse in Columbiana from December 19th to December 31st, except December 24th and 26th. When you come to pay your taxes be sure and pay your poll tax.

At Its Old Game.

It is reported that several of the leading democrats are wanting to sell out and leave the county since the election, we hope they will succeed, such cattle ought to be turned out to grass, this county would be better off without them.

The democrats of Shelby county will fully appreciate the above. This week a delegation of people left this county for Louisiana. We are told that a majority of this party is made up of Populists, at least two-thirds. We suppose they go with the hope of bettering their condition. But because they are Populists, Democrats or Republicans, and are leaving this county, would The Sentinel, or any other paper, be justified in calling them "cattle," and that the county would be better off without them? Not a bit of it. We have a better opinion of Shelby county people, be they Populist, democrat or Republican—Sentinel.

From the above extracts from the Advocate and the Sentinel, it will be seen that the Sentinel hasn't learned any lessons in fairness and justice yet. The Advocate referred to the report that several leading democrats were desirous of selling out and leaving the county on account of the Populist and Republican carrying the county, and said that such cattle ought to be turned out to grass; and we have nothing to retract in reference to such men; the Advocate grants to any man the right to think and act for himself, but when he becomes so full of prejudice as to desire to sell out and leave the county because the opposition is elected, our county would be better off without such men. The effort of the Sentinel to twist what the Advocate said as a fling at those who left for Louisiana a few days ago, falls flat to the ground. Those who left for Louisiana were men and good men, not cattle.

WANT TO BURN COTTON.

Courtland Farmers Advocate A Novel Plan.

Courtland, Dec. 8.—With the view of discussing ways and means of reducing the loss to the South by the slump in cotton, a few of the representatives men of this community met yesterday and promulgated the plans and resolutions to burn 1,000,000 bales in order to bull the market. The originator of these suggestions do not know that they will accomplish the desired end, but they are one and all willing to sacrifice their holdings to a large extent to alleviate what they consider common misfortune.

The address issued by the meeting is as follows:
To Newspapers, Cotton Exchanges, Merchants and Cotton Growers:

We believe that the Government estimate of the cotton crop is too large by 750,000 bales, but should we be mistaken, what plan is best to dispose of the surplus? With the co-operation of the cotton growers, merchants and cotton exchanges of the cotton belt, why cannot a plan, by all interested, be formed, to voluntarily contribute, from each cotton growing State, a sufficient number of bales of cotton, based on the production of each State, to make 1,000,000 bales, this million bales to be burned, or otherwise destroyed, under the supervision of the Cotton Exchange, Board of Trade or corporate authorities of the town or community, in which it is grown. If this plan is feasible, we the undersigned citizens of Courtland, Lawrence County, Alabama, obligate ourselves to contribute our prorata share of cotton, be it fifty bales or more, as a starter to reduce this surplus and obtain a fair price for the balance of the crop.

A. F. Rehman & Co., merchants; W. C. Swoope, farmer; F. E. Sherrod, merchant and farmer; J. K. Swoope, farmer; Hector D. Lane, farmer; L. L. Rehman, merchant; S. Moore, merchant; H. D. Bynum, merchant and farmer; S. S. Phipps, farmer; J. W. Terry, farmer; E. V. Chardavoigne, farmer, and many others.

The gentlemen who have signed the above are of the representative business men of this community and mean exactly what they say. They are prepared to carry out their part of the agreement in full and will do as much or more than any community of equal cotton production in the State.—Advertiser.

Fire on the Boll Worm.

Interest in the boll weevil increases with the experiments and the reports. To rid the cotton fields of this pest is a work of first importance.

While scientists are experimenting in various directions, the planter himself must, by his own actions, by an improvement in his methods, by careful observation and unflinching purpose, do what he can in his own fields to check the invasion.

One very reasonable suggestion is the early destruction of the stalks. That is you must begin next year's success this year. If your fields are infested, as soon as you know you have saved all the cotton, the weevils will leave, you gather the stalks by any means in your power, even when still green. Cut the roots, pull up or plow up the stalks, and burn them promptly. If the weather is not dry, cover the stalks with crude oil and apply the torch.

It is well to remember that this work should be done while the leaves are green. While green the weevils will still infest the plant; when dry they drop away. Therefore gather the stalks while the leaves are green and burn them as soon as possible.

This advice is for those whose fields are infested; for men whose crops have been curtailed by the weevil. In an infested field fire is a great help to purification. So burn all that remain in an infested field.—Ex.

The People's party organization was at a very low ebb when the national convention met this year. But when we say this we do not mean that the old Greenback-Populist cause was nearly dead. The cause stands better with the people than it did ten years ago, and it is growing in favor every day. Much was accomplished in this last campaign—considerable in the way of organization and a great deal by cutting out entangling alliances and standing out as an independent party. There was no room this year for much work other than the scattering of literature, and this is about all that was done. We had to wait the return of confidence in our organization and this was something that could not be pushed. All the party could do was to stand out independent and prove that it had returned from its wanderings and gotten back on the right track. The old guard was all that could be expected to vote the ticket this year. It was more a start for 1908 than anything else. Mr. Watson so stated in his opening speech, at Lincoln, Neb., August 10. He said: "If I were looking only to immediate results I would not be here today, I regard this something of an opening toward the campaign of 1908."—Missouri World.

Dudley's Mill.

Lumber sawing is the order of the day at Mr. Dudley's mill.

A. J. and T. L. Kendrick have moved to the W. P. Gilbert place.

Oliver Kendrick and wife have moved near the saw mill.

Lewis Davis and Mardis Shirley have resigned their position at Dudley's mill, and have accepted a position with Mr. Bentley splitting rails near Pelham.

We learn that some of our friends will leave in the near future for La., but we are afraid they will want to come back worse than they wanted to go.

Miss Clara Moore visited at A. J. Kendrick's one day last week.

Hardy Grimes passed through last Sunday, dear hunting we suppose.

Walter Kendrick says he goes to school to learn how to love the girls.

J. M. Shirley and daughter, of Gannsey, visited in our community last week.

Two Little Girls.

Bilious Colic Prevented.

Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears and a threatened attack may be ward off. Hundreds of people use the remedy in this way with perfect success. For sale by Williams Bros.

Fourmile News.

Christmas will soon be on hand and everybody is looking for Santa.

The weather is very cool.

Sunday was a dull day no services of any kind at all.

The singing at J. W. Spearman's Sunday night was enjoyed by all present.

A lot of moving is being done in our community at present.

Walter Mitchell moved to his residing place for 1905 Saturday.

Sam Mitchell and sister spent Sunday evening with Miss Minnie Ray.

T. W. Glenn, of Marble Valley, visited J. W. Mitchell and family Sunday.

EYERIAN MARIE.

REVOLUTION IMMINENT.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious troubles in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by J. H. Williams Drug Co., and Williams Bros.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Condensed Schedule in Effect November 9, 1904.

No. 32	STATIONS.	No. 15	STATIONS.
7:00am	3:30am	10:00am	10:00am
1:00pm	5:00pm	1:00pm	2:00pm
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4:00pm	11:00pm	4:00pm	5:00pm
5:00pm	12:00pm	5:00pm	6:00pm
6:00pm	1:00pm	6:00pm	7:00pm
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No. 22 and 21 carry Pullman sleeping cars between Mobile and Birmingham. Birmingham and New York. Cafe car serves meals en route.

No. 28	STATIONS.	No. 27	STATIONS.
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THE GREAT VALUES

AT OUR WHOLESALE AND RETAIL STORES !!

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL YOU

How great the values really are, which we are now prepared to offer you in FALL and WINTER'S very Newest and Latest Merchandise For Cash, which is the most clear-cut way to trade we know of, and by which we gained our reputation for selling Reliable Goods at Low Prices. And it becomes our duty as good merchants and the Largest Cotton Buyers In This Section to help you make every dollar Count.

Our square deals of the past have established the fact that we are Truly the Working Mans Friend and the Farmers Protector.

Just Look Over Some Items and Remember That We Present Facts, Not Fairy Tales, In Our Advertisements.

SOME ATTRACTIVE OFFERINGS IN CLOTHING.

Men's Black Clay Worsted suits at \$2.98.
Men's all Wool Cashmere suits, \$8.50 kind at \$5.50.
Men's Fancy Worsted suits, \$12.50 and \$15.00 values at \$9.98.
Boy's heavy Cashmere suits, \$2.50 kind at \$1.48.
Boy's Buster Brown suits, the latest fad, at \$2.48, worth \$4.00.
50 Boy's knee suits, viz: 3 to 17, worth \$1.50, at 98 cents.
Better quality from \$1.25 to \$5.00
250 pairs knee pants, worth 50 cents, at 22 cents.
150 pairs knee pants, worth 60 cents to \$1.00, at 48 cents.

JACKETS, COATS and CAPES!

Ladies' Melton Jackets; Colors, Castor Navy and Black, well tailored, \$4.00 and \$5.00 goods, at \$2.98.
50 Ladies' Tourist Jackets, full lengths, in all colors, at all prices. These have just arrived by express and are fine Great Values.

Childrens Reefur Jackets in all sizes and colors, at Lowest Prices.

25 Samples of Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits at one-half their actual value.
Ladies' Walking Skirts of every shade and color. The \$1.50 and \$2.00 quality at 98 cents.

Top Shirts and Under Shirts.

Good heavy Jersey overshirts, 50 and 75 cent kind at 39 cents.
Good heavy Jersey overshirts, 75 cent and \$1.00 kind at 58 cents.
Boy's fleeced undershirts, 40 and 50-cent values, at 25 cents.
Men's extra heavy fleeced fine undershirts, drawers to match, 50 cent kind, our price 30 cents.

Shoes? Shoes!! Shoes!!!

100 pairs Men's high top brogans, \$1.25 kind, at 98 cents.
100 pairs Men's high top brogans, \$1.50 kind, at \$1.25.
\$800 worth of Shoes to close out at 75 cents on the dollar. Now is the time to shoe yourself. You will find shoes here for you and your family.

Furniture, Wagons, Groceries, Etc.

We also carry a big lot of Furniture, Trunks, Hardware, Harness, Saddles, Rock Hill Buggies, Seabaker and Florence, one and two-horse Wagons, Mattings, Carpets, Rugs, Shot Guns, Heavy Staple Groceries, on which we can save you money.

Reliable Merchandise

At Reasonable Prices have built our business, and are responsible for its constant and rapid growth. No sensational methods, no exaggeration, no misrepresentation. Our customers' welfare is always carefully guarded. We cannot give you a correct idea of the great scope of bargains. You must come and see for yourself to fully realize its extent.

HATS! HATS! HATS!

Beautiful Tailored and Walking Hats—the Latest.
Ladies' velvet trimmed Hats, our competitor's price \$3.00 and \$3.50; our price \$1.98.
Shirt Waist Hat from 25 cents to \$3.00.
250 Men's sample Hats, Black, Brown and Tan, closing out at a savings to you of 50 percent.
Big lot of flannel and silk shirt waists to close out at big savings to you.

Dress Goods Department.

One yard-wide Domestic, per yard 5 cents.
Apron Gingham, good quality, at 4 1/2 cents.
One yard wide shirting Percale at 7 1/2 cents.
One yard Sea Gland Dress Percale; others sell them from 12 1/2 to 15 cents, our price per yard 10c.
Ladies' gray fleece ribbed Vests, 25c grade at 15c.
Ladies' cream fleece ribbed Vests, 40 and 50 cent grade at 24 cents.
Ladies' union ribbed Suits, 40 and 50 cent grade at 30 cents.
Childrens union Suits, full line, all sizes, 40 and 50 cent grades, at 24 cents.
Ladies' Merceized Black Silk drop skirts sell the world over for 75 cents; our price 48 cents.
Another lot that sells for \$1.25; our price 88 cents.
Another lot, the best grade sells for \$2.25; our price \$1.38.
Double width Worsted, all colors, 15 and 20 cent quality, at 10 cents.
One lot double and single widths in Gray only, worth from 12 1/2 to 20 cents; it goes in this sale at 7 1/2 cents.
All kinds of Ladies' best Dress Goods in all shades and colors, which we have reduced at savings to you of 40 to 50 per cent.
Big lot of Window Curtain screans, 10 cent kind to close out at 4 1/2 cents in this sale.
Best dress calico at 4 1/2 cents per yard.

COLUMBIANA MERCANTILE COMPANY,

Double Stores, Columbiana, Ala.

Notice of Administrator's Sale.

Under and by virtue of an order and decree of the Hon. A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate for Shelby County, I will sell at public auction on the premises of the late Chas. M. Carden in Shelby County, on Monday, the 26th day of December, 1904, between the hours of eleven o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, the following described real estate, belonging to the estate of Chas. M. Carden, deceased, to-wit:

The northwest q. of the northwest q. sec. 14, tp. 24, range 15 east; the southwest q. of the southwest q. and 22 acres in northwest q. of southwest q. and 21 acres in northwest q. of southeast q. sec. 11, tp. 24, range 15 east; the southeast q. of southeast q. and northeast q. of southeast q. sec. 1, tp. 24, range 15 east; 24 acres in south end Fraction A, sec. 6, tp. 24, range 16 east; six acre island in Coosa River, Fraction C, sec. 24, tp. 24, range 15 east, containing 233 acres more or less; 25 1/2 acres more or less in Fraction A, Fractional section 18, township 24, range 16 east, lying south of a 57 acre tract, divided J. M. Carden, and north of a 43 acre tract, divided to John Goff, all in Shelby County, Alabama.

Terms of sale: One-half cash and balance in One year.

HQSEA PEARSON, Administrator.

Winter Tourist Rates.

Excursion tickets are now on sale by the Southern Railway Co. to all the popular Winter Resorts of Florida. For folder entitled, "Winter homes in the South," giving full information regarding hotel rates; also for information regarding passenger rates and schedules, apply to

J. N. Harrison, District Passenger Agent. (Morris Hotel Building.)

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Dr. J. R. Morgan, Shelby Springs.
Dr. H. B.

Santa Claus in Town at Our Drug Store.

And until after the glad Christmas time, Santa's headquarters will be at our Place of Business. He has stocked us up with everything and anything you want for the children—the young people and for the aged. Just what you want in

Silverware, Jewelry, Toys, Albums, Vases, Dolls, Cups, Saucers, Toilet Sets, Books for Old and Young, Novelties and Anything for Christmas You Want.

OUR HOLIDAY GOODS ARE NEW

Nothing shabby or old, all fresh and new. We are ready for Christmas because we have made ready for you, and we would like to show you what we have, and we guarantee the prices to be right. The place to buy is at our store. We have the goods you want for Christmas Presents, for

PAPA, MAMA, SON, DAUGHTER,
SISTER, WIFE AND HUSBAND.

Latham Drug Company,

COLUMBIANA, ALA.

Money Saved—Money Made.

I am now located at the D. C. Glenn old stand in Columbiana, and am putting in a Full Line of Staple and Fancy Groceries and will sell at very lowest price possible—FOR CASH. Also a nice line of Shoes that I purchased with the stock will be closed out at cost in order to make room for my groceries. I can save

YOU MONEY,

AND MONEY SAVED IS MONEY MADE.

Call and see me, and get prices before buying elsewhere.

Thos. F. Atkinson,

Columbiana, Alabama.

W. B. Browne,
President.

W. L. Farley,
Cashier.

COLUMBIANA SAVINGS BANK.

Statement of Condition July 6, 1904.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts, \$ 37,584.41	Capital paid in, \$15,000.00
Bank building, fixtures, 7,000.00	Deposits, 26,013.59
Other Real Estate, 3,000.00	Undivided profits, 2,036.14
Cash & with other banks, 13,710.30	Rediscouunts, 18,244.98
Total, \$61,294.71	Total, \$61,294.71

I, W. L. FARLEY, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. FARLEY, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this July 6th, 1904.

J. R. WHITE, Register in Chancery.

This Bank does a general Banking and Loan business. Offers depositors the same facilities as the city banks offer. Deposits received from \$1.00 up. Small short time loans a specialty. Interest paid on time deposits. We solicit your business and assure you of our appreciation of the same.

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Because it is edited by Southern men to suit Southern conditions.

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Your leading county paper and the leading Southern farm paper, both for the price of one.

This proposition will not be held open indefinitely, so hurry up.

J. F. Norris, Editor Advocate.

Sample copies of the Southern Agriculturist can be had at this office.

THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

Social and Local News.

Christmas only 10 days off.

There was a large crowd in town Saturday.

W. B. Seale, of Shelby, was in town Saturday.

Sam Thomas, of Wilsonville, was in town Saturday.

J. G. Oakley, of Ashby, was in the city Saturday.

J. F. Pope, of Wilsonville, was in the city Monday.

Rufus O'Hara is spending a few days with homefolks.

W. P. Cox, of Leeds, was in town Saturday on business.

For all kinds of fresh meats call on Thos. F. Atkinson.

J. W. Johnston, was in Birmingham Monday on business.

Vernon Hebb, of beat 9, was in town Saturday a short while.

C. C. Anchors, of Selma, was in the city Monday and Tuesday.

Frank Jackson, of Shelby, spent a few hours in the city Friday.

Circuit Clerk J. R. Dyke spent Sunday at Sterrett with relatives.

P. T. Pitts, of Childersburg, was in the city a short while Monday.

Supt. J. O. Dorrough has moved his office into the grand jury room.

E. B. Nelson, of Empire, visited his family here Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. S. A. Vest, of Montevallo, visited friends here a few days last week.

W. M. Allen, of Quito, was in town a short while Monday on business.

Hon. Cecil Browne, of Talladega, was in the city Monday on business.

George Mason spent Saturday and Sunday in the city with his family.

Mrs. W. E. Merrell, of Shelby, spent a few hours in the city Friday.

Miss Emmie Abercrombie is visiting relatives and friends in Birmingham.

Mrs. W. F. Davis visited relatives in Montevallo Monday and Tuesday.

Josh Glenn, of Ensley, visited relatives in the city Sunday and Monday.

Sam Wallace has a position on the Southern Railway as express messenger.

The Street Fair crowd left Sunday afternoon over the L. & N. R. R. for Troy, Ala.

Edgar Cary and wife, of Keystone, spent Sunday in the city with relatives.

L. G. Pettyjohn, of Birmingham, spent last Thursday in the city with relatives.

Rev. G. T. Harris filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mrs. Phillip Erick spent a few days this week in Montevallo with the Misses Kroell.

W. J. Horsley and family have moved to the J. L. Peters residence on North Main street.

Miss Janie Wallace, of Klein, spent a part of last Thursday in the city with relatives.

Sheriff R. F. Cox was in Talladega Monday, he having gone there after a negro prisoner.

County Treasurer W. E. Harrison spent Sunday and Monday with his family at Dogwood.

The first Quarterly Conference for this charge will be held at Shelby by Saturday and Sunday.

J. M. Jones, of Shelby, was in town Monday, and while here subscribed for the Advocate.

B. L. Poindexter and family, of near this place, left for Louisiana, their future home, Monday.

Miss Mariana McGraw, of Vincent, visited the family of J. S. Pitts Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. J. P. Roberts and children returned Saturday from a visit to relatives and friends at Sylacauga.

Remember to-day, Thursday is the 15th. You had better come up and pay what you owe the Advocate.

City Marshal Nelson has had the streets cleaned up this week, which adds much to the appearance of the town.

On account of a wreck below Montevallo Sunday, the north-bound passenger train was three hours late.

A FRIGHTENED HORSE.

Running like mad down the street jumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c. at Latham Drug Co., and Williams Bros.

A nice thing about living in the country in winter is how warm you can get by coming into town.

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Anything in the hot drink line that you want at Latham's Drug Store.

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In this issue of the Advocate will be found the advertisement of Roberts and Robertson. Read what they have to say, and when in town call on them. They have all kinds of Christmas goods.

When you want a pleasant purgative try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and produce no nausea, griping or other disagreeable effect. For sale by Williams Bros.

We learn from the Age-Herald of Tuesday that Mr. Thomas C. Bosworth, assistant steward at the Hotel Hillman of that city, was stabbed and possibly fatally wounded Monday night in the kitchen of the hotel by Charlie Johnson, a negro waiter. The negro used a fork, which went into the lungs of Mr. Bosworth. Mr. Bosworth is well known in Columbiana, having lived here with his father a few years ago.

BE QUICK.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Williams Bros.

For every one way there is to make a friend there are several thousand to make an enemy.

FIGHT WILL BE BITTER.

Those who persist in closing their eyes against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by Latham Drug Co., and Williams Bros. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

The Columbiana Mercantile Co., has just received a big lot of Ladies' and Misses Jackets which was late in coming in, so we put them on sale for half price:

\$20.00 Jackets at \$10.00.
15.00 Jackets at 7.50.
10.00 Jackets at 5.00.
8.00 Jackets at 4.00.
7.00 Jackets at 3.50.
5.00 Jackets at 2.50.
4.00 Jackets at 2.00.

Misses Jackets.
\$8.00 kind for \$4.00.
6.00 kind for 3.00.
4.00 kind for 2.00.
2.00 kind for 1.00.

Don't miss this sale.
Columbiana Mercantile Co.

HEAD ABOUT TO BURST FROM SEVERE BILIOUS ATTACK.

"I had a severe bilious attack and felt like my head was about to burst when I got hold of a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I took a dose of them after supper and the next day felt like a new man and have been feeling happy ever since," says Mr. J. V. Smith, of Julliff, Texas. For biliousness, stomach troubles and constipation these Tablets have no equal. Price 25 cents. For sale by Williams Bros.

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CHRISTMAS! XMAS!

SANTA CLAUS! A GOOD TIME!

THIS IS WHAT WE WANT EVERYBODY TO HAVE AND WE are going to do everything possible to accomplish this end.

We Have Just Received the Largest Stock of Holiday Goods Ever Brought

TO THIS MARKET

We have Toys in Abundance for the Little Folks, and Beautiful Presents for You to give Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Sweetheart and all. We now have this Beautiful Line of Goods Displayed and cordially invite YOU to COME and let US SHOW them to YOU. It will be a pleasure to us and we will make it a profit to you.

AS FOR FRUITS, CANDY, CAKES, CAN GOODS AND HEAVY Groceries,

We have one of the Best Assorted Stocks in the County, and are prepared to offer you Special Inducements on Everything We Handle.

We Also Carry A Beautiful Line of Stationery, Blank Books, and School Supplies.

Wishing One and All a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

WE REMAIN YOUR FRIENDS.

ROBERTS & ROBERTSON.

Birmingham Title & Guaranty Company.

Complete Abstract Of Shelby County.

Abstracts of Title, Certificates of Title, Titles Guaranteed, A General Title Business.

BEST EQUIPMENTS; SUPERIOR WORK.

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Write for Prices and Information.

J. K. BROCKMAN, General Manager, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

W. J. HORSLEY, Local Manager, Columbiana, Alabama.

Coalville.

Some of the farmers have just finished gathering.

Dudley Kendrick has erected a new saw mill near Liberty, and employed Johnson as sawyer and is doing a good business.

Lumber hauling is the order of the day.

Henry Lester has moved into the house recently vacated by Mrs. Martin.

L. R. Kendrick and wife went to Columbiana one day last week shopping.

R. L. Kendrick has declined the idea of going to Louisiana.

Bro. Hughes filled his regular appointment at Mt. Calvary Sunday and preached an interesting sermon.

Walter and Clifton Kendrick went to Mt. Calvary Sunday to see their best girls.

Ollie Holcombe and William Farrell were the guests of Misses Nora and Lela Robinson Sunday as usual.

We learn that B. L. Poindexter and family will leave Monday for La., their future home.

A. F. Carden and family have returned back from Texas, where they have been for the past two years.

We regret to know that Mrs. Allen Ray is at the point of death at this writing.

John Rasco and Lee Hughes spent Sunday afternoon at L. R. Kendrick's.

We wonder what is the trouble with our peddler, Hubbard, as he failed to come around last week.

W. W. Kendrick spent Sunday evening with Miss Bytha Moore.

DIXIE.

No woman is so blind as to suppose handsome eyes are made only to see with.

RECTOR OF ST. LUKE'S.

Ashburnham, Ontario, Testifies to the Good Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Ashburnham, Ont., April 18, 1903.—I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy.

Respectfully yours,
E. A. LANGEFELD, M. A.
Rector of St. Luke's Church.
To Chamberlain Medicine Co.
This remedy is for sale by Williams Bros.

Sheriff's Sale.

Whereas an attachment was issued out of the Circuit Court of Shelby County, Alabama, on the 1st day of June, 1904, at the suit of E. C. Parker, Plaintiff, against M. F. Comer, Defendant, and was placed in my hands for levy; and whereas, I did, on the 8th day of June, 1904, levy said attachment upon the hereinafter described lands of said defendant, and did make return of same to said Court; and whereas, said Court, did, on the 8th day of October, 1904, order, adjudge and decree that a writ of venditionis exponas issue for the sale of said real estate to satisfy said judgment; and whereas the Clerk of said Court, did, on the 8th day of December, 1904, issue said writ of venditionis exponas commanding me to sell the hereinafter described lands:

Now therefore, under and by virtue of said writ, so issued, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell in front of the Court House Door, in the town of Columbiana, on the 9th day of January, 1905, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate to-wit: The North half of Section one, Township twenty-two, Range 2 West, containing three hundred and twenty acres, more or less, situated in Shelby County, Alabama, so levied upon under said writ of attachment, as the property of the said M. F. Comer, said judgment, and said writ of venditionis exponas in my hands in favor of said E. C. Parker.

This 6th day of December, 1904.

R. F. COX, Sheriff.

Commissioner's Sale.

In pursuance of and in accordance with the terms and directions of a commission issued and addressed to the undersigned by the Hon. J. F. Longshore, Judge of Probate Court of Shelby County, bearing date the 14th day of November, 1904, I will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction in front of the court house door of said county, in Columbiana, Ala., on Monday, the 28th day of December, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described real estate, to-wit:

The Northwest qr. of northwest qr. Sec. 35, Tp. 19, range 1 east, northeast qr. of northeast qr. Sec. 35, Tp. 19, range 1 east; southeast qr. of southeast qr. Sec. 27, Tp. 19, range 1 east.

The said land is to be sold under the decree of said court for the purpose of a division between and among the several joint owners thereof, who are as follows, to-wit: George F. Baker, Clinton Baker, William D. Baker, James A. Baker, Martha C. Baker, Bertha A. Lawley, William J. Teague, John W. Teague, Antonio M. Teague, John W. Teague, Melissa A. Teague, Archie M. Richards, Mandie E. Tempin, Mary D. Riley, Eula Perry, Houston Richards, Custis Richards, Roxie Roach, James Roach, John Roach, George Roach, Houston Roach, Charlie K. Roach, Martha M. Yates, Mary J. Sewell, James Platt, Warren Lawley and William E. Baker.

H. M. NORRIS,

Commissioner.

Dec. 8-3t.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

For Christmas Holidays the Southern Railway will sell tickets from all stations at the very low rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on December 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1904 and January 1, 1905, limited returning January 4, 1905.

STUDENTS RATES.

Tickets will also be sold to students of schools and colleges, upon presentation of certificates signed by Principals or Presidents thereof, December 17 to 24 inclusive, with final limit January 8th, 1905. For full information and tickets, apply to any agent of the Southern Railway.

J. N. Harrison, District Passenger Agent.
R. B. Creagh, Traveling Passenger Agent.
Birmingham, Alabama.

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Bringing in The Yule Log

SANTA CLAUS IN AN AUTOMOBILE.

When the streets of the city are whitened
with snow
And windows are coated with rime,
When the tree is awaiting its wonderful
fruit
And the bells are beginning to chime,
The children need listen no more in their
beds
For the scraping of runners of steel,
And the reindeer of Santa Claus over the
roof.

For he comes in an automobile.
The poet no longer may sing of the bells
That glitter and jingle and shake,
The St. Nick of this year wears a rose in
his coat
And sits with his hand on a brake.
Half-tone and color-page daintily drawn
In the holiday numbers reveal
A ruddy old gentleman booted and gloved,
Who rides in an automobile.
—Minna Irving.

A Christmas Dream

By TOM MASSON



"I have been wanting," said Wiggton, "to have a good old-fashioned Christmas for years—a Christmas such as I used to have when I was a boy—and this year I am going to have it. I'm going to open up the old homestead up in Hillville. Martha, the cook we had when I was a boy, will cook for us. Everything's planned—tickets bought. Come, my dear, what do you say?" Mrs. Wiggton looked at her husband aghast.

"I don't seem to have anything to say," she observed, "if you have made all the preparations. When do we start?"

"To-morrow," said Wiggton. "Back to the old homestead. How I have looked forward to it! We'll have something decent to eat at last. How tired I am of this modern cooking!"

The next day, when they arrived at the little New England village where the Wiggton homestead reared its dingy colonial frame to the sky, Martha was on hand to greet them.

"To-morrow will be Christmas, Martha," said Wiggton, after the compliments of the season had been passed, and I want a genuine old-fashioned Christmas, such as I look backward upon with such fond recollections."

Martha, with a glow of pride in her honest face, nodded assent.

"I guess I know, John," she said, calling Wiggton by his first name. "N you'll have it if I kin give it to yew."

Mrs. Wiggton sat silent, with a novel she had brought to read. Being from the city, having married John after he had gone away from home, she was

way it used to. And the blamed thing throws out enough coal gas to run a gas-house with."

Martha came in and gave it a shake down.

"I guess it's all right," she said. "Haint ben used for some time, but it never did burn the way it ought to."

The next day, when Wiggton and his wife at last sat down to their Christmas dinner, that enthusiastic gentleman rubbed his hands in glee.

"Now," he said, "we're in for it. 'Here comes the turkey. Hooryay!'" Martha brought it in on a platter. She followed with chicken pie, boiled

say not. Martha comes from one of the oldest families here. And by the way, my dear, try and unbend, won't you? Martha's sensitive, and might feel it."

The first course of dishes, which had



"I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE."

been arranged by Martha on the table in that same spirit that she displayed when conveying sundry pieces of wood from the wood pile, were now removed and the second course came on.

"Now," exclaimed Wiggton, "we'll have the real thing. That turkey was a slight disappointment, I'll admit."

"And don't say that I said it," whispered Mrs. Wiggton, "but that chicken pie was a trifle heavy, don't you think?"

"A trifle," admitted Wiggton, "but wait. Here comes the glorious pumpkin pie. Here are the delicious crullers and the sugar cookies I've dreamed about so long."

"Hope you're enjoying yourselves," said Martha, as she dumped the dishes down in front of Wiggton.

"Very nice," said Mrs. Wiggton, with a reception smile.



"A GOOD SQUARE MEAL."

"Fine," said Wiggton, his eyes glistening with anticipation. "Any coffee, Martha?"

She brought in the old-fashioned coffee pot—the only object that Mrs. Wiggton took any interest in—and sat it down in front of him.

"And now," said Wiggton, "we're off."

A silence ensued. A silence broken

MERRY CHRISTMAS



THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

In England, where we derive our Christmas customs, the turkey is not, as in this country, a "must-have" for a Christmas feast. The roast beef of old England, with its regulation accompaniment of Yorkshire pudding, flanked by a savory roast goose, is the crowning dish of the event. Occasionally one finds in an American family of English extraction the old customs live on, and a menu is served that is reminiscent of old-time entertainment. An English dinner is undeniably good, and if one longs for a change from turkey and pumpkin pie, an Americanized English menu will not be disappointing. Following is a typical dinner of this order:

Consume	Bread sticks
Olives	Salted almonds
Fried smelts	Shrimp sauce
Roast beef	Yorkshire pudding
Mashed potatoes	Celery
Roast goose	Apple sauce
Lettuce salad	Plum puddings
Waters	Cheese
Cafe noir.	
—Good Housekeep.	

Glad Tidings.
Floating on the winter air,
Ne'er was sweeter music heard;
List the chimes the soft wind bears—
Promised in his holy word,
"Glory to God in the highest, we sing,
This is the birthday of Bethlehem's King!"

Nearer and nearer it sounds—
Carols of children at dawn,
Tells to the earth's farthest bounds,
"Christ, our Redeemer, is born!
Glory to God in the highest, always!
A savior is born? This is Christmas Day!"

With light the East is all aglow;
Hark! the bells ring sweet and clear;
Hear them echo 'cross the snow—
Christmas morn at last is here!
Shout the glad tidings, our Saviour was born,
Centuries since, upon Christmas morn.

Again the bells "Glory" repeat,
Echo takes up the refrain;
It joins in the music sweet,
Sounding "Glory" o'er hill and plain;
"Glory to God in the highest, this morn,
For Bethlehem's King on this day was born!"
—Lilla N. Cushman.

POOLE ISSUES CALL

Wants Mass Meeting, Held In
Every Town In the State
of Alabama.

TO GET BETTER PRICES.

Object is to Bring About Concerted
Action Among Farmers to Get
Better Prices.

Montgomery.—Hon. R. R. Poole, commissioner of agriculture, has issued a call for the farmers of Alabama to hold mass meetings in their several counties on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, to determine what is best to be done to secure better prices for cotton and plan for the new crop. He urges holding all cotton now in the hands of the farmers until that time at least, smaller acreage next year and more abundant food crops. The call is as follows, addressed to the cotton growers of Alabama:

"The present conditions make me extremely anxious and solicitous of your interests, and I have determined to take prompt and decided action in the premises. The extremely mild and dry fall has upset all calculations in relation to the output of the cotton crop, and brought the fact more vividly and forcibly to mind than ever before, and further demonstrates to my complete satisfaction that we know precious little about what the yield is going to be or what the market is going to do.

Controlled by Shylocks.
"The cotton market is controlled absolutely by the 'Shylocks' of Wall street, and as a matter of course, they always manipulate it so as to put money in their own pockets, and deprive those who raise the staple and handle it first hand. I have advised the holding of cotton and have all along firmly believed that the price would go up shortly after the holidays. I am of the same opinion still. But we must do our part in forcing a fair and equitable price for what of the staple we may still have on hand. I am aware of the fact that the producer has marketed three-fourths of his crop and am happy to know that he got a fair price for it, but that still on hand should not be sacrificed, and along with the 25 per cent. yet in the hands of merchants or middlemen, makes at least fifty per cent of the crop yet in our hands.

Wise Action Needed.
"Wise and judicious and prompt action is worth many thousands of dollars to the people of Alabama. I have been urged by farmers and merchants all over the state to make some suggestions to guide them in bringing about the much desired results, and reflection and consultation with others have determined to call and do hereby call mass meetings in cities and country towns of the state on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, for the discussion of the question from every standpoint, and if possible to decide upon the best and most effectual mode and manner of the disposition of the crop in hand, and for concert of action in making the next crop.

"It is highly essential for our future salvation that we stand steadfastly together against the speculator, and sell no cotton voluntarily, and permit none to be sold by coercion or intimidation. I suggest free, full and open discussion of the matter of so vital importance to you all, and would recommend:

"First—That the remainder of the crop in hand be held for fair and just prices.

"Second—That smaller acreage be planted next year and that the wisest concert of action be had in bringing that about.

"Third—That more and abundant food crops be planted and that our farmers become self-sustaining so far as possible.

"I shall take pleasure in offering suggestions and give my cordial and hearty co-operation in making the movement a success."

Huger Has a Plan.
J. W. Huger, president of the Alabama Chemical Company, of Montgomery, has given, in a letter to the Hon. Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Growers' Protective Association, some practical thoughts on the cotton raising and marketing industry. He advises that the marketing be spread out over nine months, and thinks that with this plan in force the price will be kept up to what is right in the sale of the staple.

In the first place, he thinks that the farmers should post themselves about the actual crop yield, that they should not simply agree to hold their cotton, but have a thorough understanding about the marketing, saying just how many bales will be put up for sale and how many will be raised.

"If it were possible," he thinks, "it would be best if they would all agree to market their crops as follows: One-

third of what each man raises by November 1; one-third in November, December and January, and the other in February, March and April. This would give nine months to market the whole. This would put the producer in the position to feed the spinner and mill men when they need the cotton, and not force them to take it when they do not require it for present use. Any commodity forced on the buyer will be sold at a sacrifice, or the price fixed by the buyer. If a mule dealer sells a man mules, he buys as many as he needs and pays a just price for them, but if forced to take five more mules he will give for the mwhat he chooses.

State Statistics.
Mr. Huger thinks the plan of the government giving out the statistics is a bad one. He believes that a statistical department should be established in every state; that gins should be licensed and forced to make report every week of every bale coming into their hands. In this way every state could keep right up with what is being raised, and give the farmers the inside track on the matter of statistical information.

"Let the southern people be more self-reliant," says Mr. Huger, "and work together and not look to Washington or the large cotton exchanges of the country for information regarding their own product, as naturally it is to the interest of the buyer and user of cotton who live at these exchange centers to see the cotton market at the lowest possible figure it can be produced at."

Panic Started.
New York.—It is no exaggeration to say that Wall street began the day with more anxiety than it has shown since the May panic of 1901. The reasons for this feeling were plenty, chief among them being the absolute collapse of the market Monday, revealing weak spots in unlooked for places. A great majority of the brokerage houses had their clerical force at work till late last evening, and some of them worked long after midnight examining accounts and issuing imperative calls to customers for more margins. Many stock exchange members arrived at their offices much earlier than usual to prepare for the day and to get a line on the London market. That center offered but slight encouragement. No American showed general recovery from the opening demoralization there.

THE WHITE HOUSE STEWARD

Delicacy Required in Making Purchases
For President's Household.

The steward's position is a responsible one in many other ways, and requires much discretion. President Roosevelt is fortunate in his steward, who is a small light-colored mulatto. He is very quiet and unassuming in manner, but thoroughly trustworthy. Every morning he goes to the markets, and the way in which he conducts these expeditions would do credit to a diplomatist. It is one of the unwritten laws of the White House that no capital must be made by any one from the fact of the patronage of the President of the United States. Every one who has been in London is familiar with the notices that appear in many of the shops over there, announcing that the King or some member of his family patronizes the place. Nothing of the kind can be found in Washington. The steward of the White House goes each morning to certain markets or stores, and does the required purchasing, but in so quiet a manner that the man buying next to him would never guess his errand unless he chose to know him. The majority of the purchases are even sent to the White House in an unlettered wagon. This wagon comes in at the south entrance and drives through the west colonnade to the kitchen door. Any passer by looking over the railing could see it, but he would never be able to guess from anything about its appearance what grocery house or market the food which it contained came from.—Harper's Bazar.

WISE WORDS.
There are no losses in loans of love. Life is the only school for character. There is no better way of emptying the mind of evil than by doing good.

Let your religion be what it may, if it teaches you to do right, it is born of God.—selected.

Ever notice how quickly time flies when you are trying to make up your mind to begin a particularly hard job? The greatest test of character is to be found in the way we meet the common duties of life. He who is faithful to the harder tasks will not be unfaithful in the easier great things.—Selected.

I look for the hour when that Supreme beauty which ravished the souls of those Eastern men, and through their lips spoke oracles to all time, shall speak in the West also.—Emerson.

The highest joy is an edelweiss; it grows only bosomed in the snow and nursed by tempests. There is no joy like divinely joyful sorrow, as there is no strength like divinely strengthened weakness. This is the paradox of Christian experience.—Lyman Abbott.

Governor Goes to New York.
Montgomery, Ala.—Acting Governor Cunningham and Private Secretary J. Kirk Jackson left for New York, via Atlanta. It is supposed they go to arrange for refunding the state debt, \$8,903,000 of which falls due in 1906. Several conferences were held with Treasurer Smith before they left. Governor Jelks had an offer of approximately new bonds at 3 1/4 per cent, but he would not accept it. It is expected that a contract will result.

Nashville, Tenn.—Houston Bond, a clerk in a leading hotel of this city, received a certified check this morning from Evansville, Ind., for \$10,000. Four years ago an old gentleman fell on the sidewalk in front of the hotel and severely injured himself. Mr. Bond went to his assistance, lifted him until he had recovered. The check this morning was the sequel. Mr. Bond would not disclose the name of the man who sent the check.

MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK

WASHINGTON.

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, introduced a bill to double the salaries of the President, Vice President, Senators and Representatives.

The House Judiciary Committee recommended the impeachment of United States Judge Swayne.

Postmaster-General Wryne's annual report shows a year of steady growth in bettering the country's postal service.

The House, by a large majority, voted to impeach Judge Charles Swayne of the Federal Court of Northern Florida.

Two leaders of organizations of postal employees were dismissed from the postal service.

Senator Latimer has given up hope of the passage of his Good Roads bill at the present session of Congress.

In the estimates for the diplomatic and consular service forwarded to Congress by Secretary Hay, through the Treasury Department, recommendations are made for increases in the salaries of a large number of officials in the service.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

Five hundred convicts in the prison at Bilibid, near Manila, P. I., made a concerted and desperate effort to escape. Armed with blacksmiths' tools which they had obtained in the prison shop they charged upon the gates. Guards in the watch tower opened fire on the rebellious convicts with a Gatling gun, and sentries on the walls used their rifles. Fifteen of the rebels were killed and thirty-seven were wounded, most of them mortally.

DOMESTIC.

A bark and three schooners were wrecked in a heavy gale on the Newfoundland coast.

Dr. R. S. Woodward, of Columbia University, was chosen President of the Carnegie Institution.

Stockholders of the Atchafalaya were asked by the directors to vote for a \$50,000,000 bond issue.

J. P. Morgan was elected as head of the Metropolitan Museum trustees, in New York City.

A fire, which entailed a loss of \$210,000, occurred at Rochester, N. Y.

The Rev. Dr. John White Chadwick died in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Having grieved over the death of his wife for three months William Stephenson, of New York City, fell dead of a broken heart.

A four-inch fall of snow impeded traffic and caused general discomfort in New York City.

Burglars wrecked a safe in the New York City office of Internal Revenue Collector Stearns, but obtained no booty.

E. A. Barnes presented a check for \$500,000 at the Citizens' Central National Bank, in New York City, and was arrested as a lunatic.

Dr. Wolf, of Hartford, Conn., says that in the diphtheria germ he has found the anti-toxin of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

The Waldorf doll sale realized \$3500 for the New York Home for Crippled Children.

Mayor McClellan announced that he favors the construction of a lighting plant by New York City.

Mrs. Catherine A. Anderson sued Banker Warner Van Norden, of New York City, alleging misappropriation of \$200,000 worth of stocks.

Miss Foster, factory inspector, caused the arrest of two New York manufacturers for violation of the child labor law.

Several New York dealers were fined heavily for selling adulterated milk, and Judge Owsen threatened sentences to prison upon second conviction.

The United States Supreme Court decided that the Western Union Telegraph Company does not possess the right to maintain its poles in the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Governor-elect William L. Douglas, of Boston, Mass., announced a partial list of his staff appointments, with General Miles at the head.

Orders were received at the Charles-town (Mass.) Navy Yard to have the battleships Maine and Missouri, now under repair there, ready for sailing at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Henry Mortimer Brooks, of New York City, was accidentally shot, and it is believed, fatally wounded by the discharge of his gun while hunting in North Carolina.

Receivers were appointed for the Neale & Levy Ship and Engine Building Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., which is now constructing the projected cruiser "St. Louis" and recently completed the cruiser Denver, on which money was lost.

Twelve miners were known to have been killed in an explosion in a mine in Burnett, Wash.

FOREIGN.

The indictment of Von Plevne's assassin describes a widespread plot to overthrow the Russian Empire.

The automobile show in Paris, France, says a special cable dispatch, was a popular attraction.

The agitation in Russia over the popular demand for a share in the government seemed to be spreading. St. Petersburg newspapers openly urged the creation of a parliament.

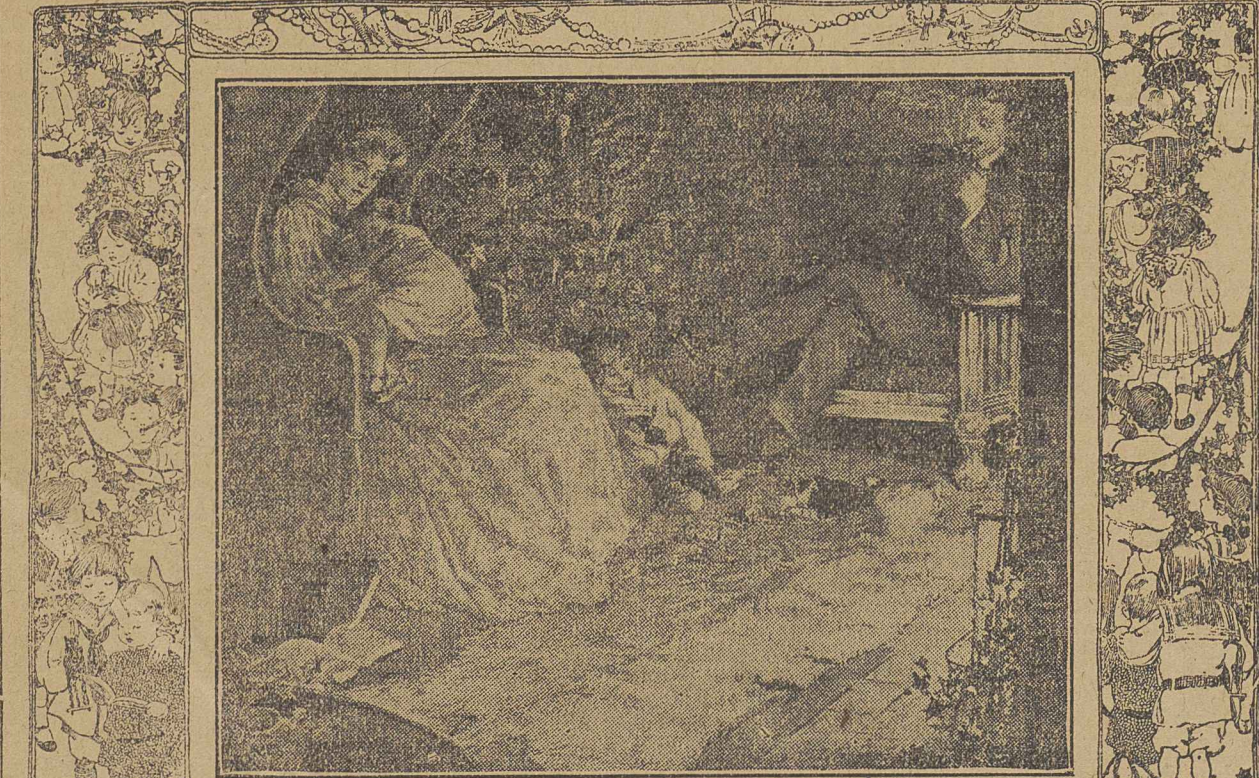
A special cable dispatch from Peking, China, said that all the leaders of the anti-foreign societies in the Province of Ho-Nan have been arrested.

Many medals have been awarded by the Propaganda to students of the American College at Rome, Italy.

Grand Duke Sergius, the Czar's uncle, was reported to have concurred with the Emperor's opinion of Prince Mirsky and abandoned his intention to resign his office at Moscow.

General Nogin's only son was killed in the assault on 203 Metro Hill.

The indictment upon which the assassin of M. Von Plevne will be tried discloses the existence of a fighting revolutionary organization in Russia banded to overthrow the autocracy.

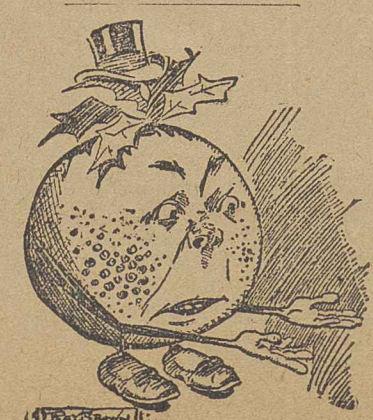


Christmas Night --- Tired Out.

The yule logs burn to an ashen char;
The joys of the day assemble;
Like beams that cling to a dying star,
While a wooden soldier dreams of war
On a Christmas bought a-tremble.

The last little bear in the picture book
His tale in the wood has spoken;
And tired eyes close on a last fond look
At the sweets and toys in niche and nook,
Scattered and bent and broken.

If every day were Christmas!
With joy the sentence thrills.
The offices would all stay shut
And we needn't pay our bills.



turnips, cranberry sauce and mashed potatoes.

"Isn't this great?" said Wiggton, plunging his fork into the turkey's breast bone. "Martha, where did this turkey come from?"

"Sam Tucker's," said Martha. "Sam's done well this year with his turkeys."

"That must be a local turkey," ventured Mrs. Wiggton, watching her husband's desperate efforts to carve.

"It does seem a little tough," said Wiggton. "Never mind; we know where it comes from. These city turkeys—what do you know about 'em, anyway?"

"Martha," said Mrs. Wiggton, as she helped herself, "is evidently not a waitress."

"Sh," warned Wiggton. "She might hear you. A waitress! Well, I should

only by monosyllabic observations on the part of each diner, with Martha hovering near.

Finally, by simultaneous impulse, they both arose and made their way into the little front parlor.

Wiggton, taking from his pocket a large perfect, put one foot on the haircloth sofa, and ere he struck the match, turned to his wife:

"My dear," he observed, "I have a confession to make. That was the toughest turkey, the soggiest pumpkin pie, the most abominable coffee, to say nothing of those fierce and indigestible doughnuts, that I have tasted for years. And now I'm going to find out about the next train back. I want to get home as soon as possible and have a good, square meal."—New York Mail and Express.



"MARtha WAS ON HAND TO GREET TH M."

temporarily out of it, and merely an object of curiosity.

"What's the matter with this base burner?" said Wiggton, examining the ancient heater with its isinglass windows. "It doesn't seem to heat up the

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The Year 1904.

The year 1904 will soon be upon the pages of history as a thing of the past, but its teachings and blessings will be a telling story for generations to come. This year has been marked with the ear marks of prosperity and development, and as the time slowly glides away the entire world grows in every phase of progress. Business in all its branches has marked the period of 1904 with a degree of magnitude. The laboring classes of the world, with few exceptions, have been permitted to pursue their daily avocations in peace and happiness. The relief in this line is to be sought yet, and yea, it is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when the laboring classes the world over, will without intimidation on the part of the money powers of the land, share their just and much deserved compensation for their faithful services.

Especially should the Advocate join our home and county friends in rejoicing over the recent events of this year along this line. The great parties have, during this year, been arrayed one against the other in political combat; on the one side were, you might say, the money power of our country, and might be added, the co-operation of this power of our entire State, as is known to all, the forces of the entire State, have been arrayed against Shelby county and her citizens. In the conflict, the people won the victory and their cause triumphed, and we trust the path will be kept and that the people at-large will be benefited.

The Advocate feels that it has served its constituents to the best of its ability. In the best way possible, it tried to refute and overthrow the accusations brought by the opposition, and as to whether we were successful in this we leave this for you to say.

This issue will close our efforts for the year 1904, and we hope to greet the coming of the new year 1905, with a more determined will to serve the people than ever before. We are going to strive to make you a better paper than we have in the past, and last but not least, we promise not to forget the interest of the people, but when the sage is on (as we have done in the past) we will be found doing our best to serve you the best we can.

Thanking our supporters for their liberal patronage in the past, we wish one and all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

A lot of democrats are going around declaring that they never voted anything but a democratic ticket in their lives. They are liars, every one of them. Every man of them voted for Grover Cleveland, Nebraska Independent.

In another column will be found a letter from, Commissioner Poole. Read what he says in regard to the cotton situation.

The farmers in Shelby county are holding their cotton for better prices, and we think they are doing the right thing.

Four counties in Georgia are holding ten thousand bales of cotton until the price goes back to ten cents.

We learn that Columbiana will have another railroad before many months longer, which is badly needed.

The farmers should reduce the cotton crop next year, and raise more hog and harmony at home.

Cotton is worth ten cents, and the farmers ought to get that for their cotton.

It seems that farmers all over the whole country are holding their cotton.

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Mass Meeting.

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The present conditions make extremely anxious and solicitous of your interests, and I have determined to take prompt and decided action in the premises. The extremely mild and dry fall has upset all calculations in relation to the output of the cotton crop, and brought forth more vividly and forcibly to mind than ever before, and further demonstrates to my complete satisfaction, that we know precious little about what the field is going to be, or what the market is going to do.

The cotton market is controlled completely and absolutely by the "Shylocks" of Wall street, and as a matter of course, they always manipulate it so as to put money in their own pockets and defraud those who raise the staple and handle it first hand. I have advised the holding of cotton and have all along firmly believed that the price would go up soon after the holidays; I am of the same opinion still, but we must do our part in forcing a fair and equitable price for what of the staple we still may have on hand. I am aware of the fact that the producer has marketed three-fourths of his crop, and am happy to know also that he got a fair price for it. But that still on hand should not be sacrificed, and along with the 25 per cent, yet in the hands of the merchant or middle man, makes at least 50 per cent of the crop yet in our hands.

Wise and judicious and prompt action is worth many thousands of dollars to the people of Alabama. I have been urged by farmers and merchants all over the State to make some suggestions to guide them in bringing about the much desired results, and after reflection and consultation with others have determined to call and do hereby call mass meetings in cities and country towns of the State on Tuesday, January 10th, 1905, for the discussion of the question from every standpoint, and if possible, to decide upon the best and most effective mode and manner of the disposition of the present crop in hand, and for concerted action in making the next crop. It is highly essential for our future salvation, that we stand steadfastly together against the speculator and sell no cotton voluntarily, and permit none to be sold by coercion or intimidation. I suggest, free, full and open and honest discussion of the matter of so vital importance to you all, and would recommend:

1. That the remainder of the present crop in hand be held for fair and just prices.
2. That smaller acreage be planted next year, and that the wisest concert of action be had in bringing that about.
3. That more and abundant food crops be planted, and that our farmers become self-sustaining, as far as it may be possible.

I shall take pleasure in offering suggestions and give my cordial and hearty co-operation in making the movement a success.

R. R. POOLE,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

From the Kingdom.

Now Mr. Editor, I know that Brother Sturdivant said that the war was over and that we should all get along in peace, but occasionally when the birds rustling around in the leaves and I think you should let us boys take a crack shot once and a while; we will promise to not load our guns too heavy so that there will be as much danger at the breach as at the muzzle, and it is near Christmas times anyway, we can not take them at long range, running or flying, like Judge Longshore, Sturdivant and others. We need a little practice anyway if we rustle the old bear out; we will get the Judge after him and I do not see any danger. A few days ago a natural born democrat said in the presence of some Pops that the tax in this county was too high and that there were a lot of men in this county that were giving their land in at half value and that they were going to be looking after, leaving the impression that it would be done by democrats. This man that did this talking does not own any land to my knowledge. I guess he got his authority from Mr. Mc. Now Mr. Editor I know something of his prophecy, I heard him in the opening of the campaign and I pronounce him a false prophet. I have studied about that speech and I do not think he told but one truth, although he said he was being directed by the Lord; the truth that I think he told was that he was sick; I believe he was sick, for his looks showed that, but the road machinery and doing away with Longshoreism, the Peoples Party being dead and Parker being elected President, is all false. I think he had better blow his little dogs off and call every time he calls on them. I'll tell you Mr. Editor what I heard a man say in good old democratic times, and show the man, I think it needs be; he had some very sorry land that he valued at \$1.25 per acre, and my recollection is that the Assessor just doubled it and the fellow said Mr. Assessor I'll take one dollar and a quarter for the land, I can not get that for it, and the gentleman told the poor fellow, I am not buying land; take a man up there and swap him and after he had given his land in at a fair price or what he could sell at for cash, just double on him; this is the way they did in good old democratic days. I believe we all ought to sing Sam Jones for the boys. The boys are in, and a good set of Commissioners we have and they will look after the boys without the aid of Mr. Democrat. So now if I have said anything I am sorry of, I am glad of it.
KINGDOM HILL BILLY.

Catechisms.

1. Some people say the democrats are dead and some say they are sulking.
 2. Some people say the democrats are dead and some say they are cunning.
 3. Some people say the democrats are dead and some say they will have to reorganize.
 4. But I say if they are not dead they are acting awful funny.
- It is the person with the India-rubber conscience who has a east-iron digestion.
- Now is a good time to pay your poll tax. Pay them now.
- Congress has adjourned until after the holidays.
- There will be no paper issued next week.

A Silly Proposition.

The soundness of populist principles can be understood by any man who gives a little thought concerning the proposition of Secretary Tait for congress to enact a law guaranteeing 5 per cent interest to parties who will build private railroads in the Philippine islands. Everyone knows that if those roads are built by private parties under that plan, the people of the United States will have to pay that interest and private parties will own the roads just as they do the Union Pacific, after the government donated twice as much to private parties to build the road as it could have built it for itself. Then think of the government guaranteeing 5 per cent interest on bonds when it can borrow money itself for 2 1/2 and 3 per cent. If railroads are to be built in the Philippines on the government credit, let the government build and own them. The plan is so ridiculous that one can not help thinking that its real purpose is to give some millions of dollars to a favored few among the rich to pay them for supporting the republican party. Yet it will be done. That is part of the republican landslide.—Independent.

WANTED—To buy a 1100 to 1300 pound mule; must be medium age and all right in every particular.
S. W. PARDEE,
Longview, Ala.

HEAD ABOUT TO BURST FROM SEVERE BILIOUS ATTACK.

"I had a severe bilious attack and felt like my head was about to burst when I got hold of a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I took a dose of them after supper and the next day felt like a new man and have been feeling happy ever since," says Mr. J. W. Smith, of Dallas, Texas. For biliousness, stomach troubles and constipation these Tablets have no equal. Price 25 cents. For sale by Williams Bros.

Several new telephone lines are being put up in the city.

REVOLUTION IMMINENT.
A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious troubles in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its soothing and thorough effect. It is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by Jatham Drug Co., and Williams Bros.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Condensed Schedule in Effect November 6, 1904.

No. 22	No. 16	STATIONS.	No. 15
7:00pm	5:55am	lv. Mooble. ar	10:55pm
1:00am	5:50pm	lv. Selma. ar	4:35pm
5:30am	10:55pm	ar Selma ham lv	2:05pm
9:40am		ar Chat'n ga lv	6:20am
1:00pm		ar Knoxville lv	6:30pm
5:45pm		ar Bristol. ar	2:10pm
			9:50am
9:15pm		ar Asheville lv	1:15pm
1:50am		ar Lynchb'rg lv	3:00am
6:52am		ar W'gh't'n lv	10:00pm
12:43pm		ar N. York. lv	3:25pm

Santa Claus in Town at Our Drug Store.

And until after the glad Christmas time, Santa's headquarters will be at our Place of Business. He has stocked us up with everything and anything you want for the children—the young people and for the aged. Just what you want in

Silverware, Jewelry, Toys, Albums, Vases, Dolls, Cups, Saucers, Toilet Sets, Books for Old and Young, Novelties and Anything for Christmas You Want.

OUR HOLIDAY GOODS ARE NEW

Nothing shabby or old, all fresh and new. We are ready for Christmas because we have made ready for you, and we would like to show you what we have, and we guarantee the prices to be right. The place to buy is at our store. We have the goods you want for Christmas Presents, for

PAPA, MAMA, SON, DAUGHTER,
SISTER, WIFE AND HUSBAND.

Latham Drug Company,

COLUMBIANA, ALA.

Money Saved—Money Made.

I am now located at the D. C. Glenn old stand in Columbiana, and am putting in a Full Line of Staple and Fancy Groceries and will sell at very lowest price possible—FOR CASH. Also a nice line of Shoes that I purchased with the stock will be closed out at cost in order to make room for my groceries. I can save

YOU MONEY,

AND MONEY SAVED IS MONEY MADE.

Call and see me, and get prices before buying elsewhere.

Thos. F. Atkinson,

Columbiana, Alabama.

W. B. BROWN,
President.

W. L. FARLEY,
Cashier.

COLUMBIANA SAVINGS BANK.

Statement of Condition July 6, 1904.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts \$ 37,584.41	Capital paid in..... \$15,000.00
Bank building, fixtures 7,000.00	Deposits..... 26,013.59
Other Real Estate..... 3,000.00	Undivided profits..... 2,036.14
Cash & other banks 13,710.30	Reductions..... 18,244.98
Total..... \$61,294.71	Total..... \$61,294.71

I, W. L. FARLEY, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. FARLEY, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this July 6th, 1904.

J. R. WHITE, Register in Chancery.

This Bank does a general Banking and Loan business. Offers depositors the same facilities as the city banks. Deposits received from \$1.00 up. Small short time loans a specialty. Interest paid on time deposits. We solicit your business and assure you of our appreciation of the same.

Dargin.

Rev. J. T. Black filled his regular appointment here Sunday at 3 o'clock and preached an interesting sermon.

Harrison Holcombe attended preaching at this place Sunday.

Robert Comer, of the Springs, was here Sunday.

Seab Jackson, of Fourmile, passed through our town one day last week on his way to the flour mill.

Seab is a hustling fanner of Fourmile, and has wheat to carry to mill.

Neel Siers, of Birmingham, spent a part of last week here with H. B. Nabors and family.

C. L. O'Neal went to Birmingham last Friday on business.

R. E. Powers went to Calera Saturday afternoon.

T. M. Duncan and wife spent Saturday night in Columbiana.

S. W. Pardue, of Cambranch, was in town on business Friday.

Well, as this will be the last you will hear from Dargin this year, we wish all a happy Christmas.

BUFFALO BILL.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of a Fi. Fa. issued from the Chancery Court of Shelby county, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell, in front of the Court House door, in the town of Columbiana, on the 24th day of December, 1904, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, to-wit:

One gray mare, about 12 years old; Levied upon as the property of Sam Burke, to satisfy said Fi. Fa. in my hands in favor of J. H. Hicks.

This 14th day of December, 1904.

R. F. COX, Sheriff.

Notice to Teachers!

The State Examination for teachers will be held at Columbiana, Ala., January 2, 3 and 4, 1905. All who enter the examination must be there by ten o'clock A. M. Monday.

J. O. DOROUGH,

County Supt. of Education.

BILIOUS COLIC PREVENTED.

Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears and a threatened attack may be averted off. Hundreds of people use the remedy in this way with perfect success. For sale by Williams Bros.

Prof. W. H. Bird's school closed at Dargin, Ala., Dec. 16th, and he wishes to extend his many thanks to that community for its liberal patronage, and also for the kindness shown him while in their midst; he also expresses a hope that they may succeed in getting a good teacher for the ensuing year to take charge of their children. And would highly recommend that school to any worthy teacher that may want a school during the first four or five months of 1905.

FIGHT WILL BE BITTER.

Those who will persist in opposing their ears against the continual commendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by Latham Drug Co., and Williams Bros. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

Social and Local News.

Next Sunday is Christmas day.

In this issue will be found sheriff's sale.

Now is the time to pay up your subscription.

J. S. Pearson, of Bridgeton, was in town Saturday.

Judge A. P. Longshore spent Monday in Birmingham.

Tax Assessor J. S. Pitts spent Saturday in Birmingham.

J. M. Spearman, of Weldon, was in town Tuesday on business.

J. W. Haygood, of Montgomery, visited his family here Sunday.

John C. Williams and family, of Shelby, were in town Thursday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chapman on Dec. 15th, a daughter.

C. B. Elliott and family left Monday for Louisiana, their future home.

Anything in the hot drink line that you want at Latham's Drug Store.

Ollie Goer, of Calera, spent Sunday afternoon in the city with friends.

S. Z. T. Champion, of Sterrett, was among the visitors in town Saturday.

J. H. Robertson spent a few days last week on his farm near Wilsonville.

Mrs. M. E. Porter returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives at Coleanor.

Mrs. H. S. Latham, of Montevallo, visited relatives here several days last week.

Commissioner Pleasant Shaw, of Montevallo, was in the city Thursday and Friday.

The Columbiana Graded School has turned out for two weeks on account of the holidays.

Sam V. Walls of the Advocate force, is spending a few days in Birmingham with relatives.

R. J. Griffin, of Helena, was in town Thursday and Friday, meeting with the commissioners.

All the college boys and girls will come home this week to spend the holidays with homefolks.

R. B. Posey, of Harpersville, was in town Thursday and Friday attending commissioner's court.

Presiding Elder J. W. Johnson, of Talladega, preached at the Methodist church last Friday night.

Renew your subscription to the Advocate and get the Southern Agriculturist free for one year.

Y. S. Horton, of Shelby Springs, was in town Monday and renewed his subscription to the Advocate.

Mrs. Lucy Mullins, of Birmingham, visited the family of J. T. Finley near here a few days this week.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haygood at the residence of H. W. Nelson in this place on Dec. 13th, a son.

Mrs. W. A. Parker, who has been visiting relatives at Klein for several days, returned home Sunday morning.

Thos. Glasscock, of beat 9, was in town Thursday and renewed his subscription to the Advocate a year in advance.

Try the delicious hot drinks at Latham's Drug Store. There is nothing better than a cup of hot coffee, chocolate or tomato Baulion.

Tom Norris, who has been working at Wilton as operator for the Southern Railway for the past year, is in the city visiting homefolks.

J. H. Keith, of Shelby Springs, was in the city Saturday, and while here renewed his subscription to the Advocate a year in advance.

B. T. Johnson and family, who have been living near Shelby Springs for some time, moved back to their residence in this place Saturday.

Commissioner's court was in extra session Friday and Saturday. They were called here to inspect the new jail, which has just been completed.

Miss Fannie Cason, of Birmingham, spent a few days in the city this week with the family of Prof. W. H. Bird. Miss Cason will go from here to Gadsden to live.

J. W. Blackberry and family, of Weldon, have moved to this place and are occupying the residence they recently purchased from H. L. Millstead near the L. & N. depot. We welcome them to our town.

A FRIGHTENED HORSE.

Running like mad down the street bumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have reliable Salve handy and there's none good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at Latham Drug Co., and Williams Bros.

J. J. Lovett, of Shelby, was in town Tuesday.

Osce Bird was in Birmingham Tuesday.

Jim Pitts, of Fayetteville, was in town Saturday.

L. R. Kendrick, of Coalville, was in the city Tuesday.

J. P. Pearson, of Bridgeton, was in the city Saturday.

J. R. Hill, of Gulfport, Miss., visited relatives here Tuesday.

Dr. B. H. Smothers, of Weldon, was in the city Tuesday.

H. J. Busby, of Farmer, was in town Monday on business.

J. S. Evans, of beat 7, was in the city a short while Tuesday.

Prof. W. H. Bird is clerking for Thos. F. Atkinson this week.

J. E. and William Jackson, of beat 9, were in town Monday.

Mrs. Henry Milner visited relatives in Birmingham this week.

There will be no paper published next week on account of holidays.

Rev. S. R. Lester, of Elyton, spent Monday and Tuesday in the city.

Mrs. Mart England, of Garney, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. C. T. Acker spent Sunday and Monday in Birmingham with his wife.

John Lacey, of Maylene, visited relatives in the city a few days last week.

Miss Anna Strickland visited friends at Wilsonville Saturday and Sunday.

County Treasurer W. E. Harrison, of Dogwood, was in town Monday and Tuesday.

R. A. Carden, Hosea Pearson and A. Carden, of Farmer, were in town Monday.

Arthur Millstead and wife spent Sunday at Wilsonville with relatives and friends.

So many of our friends have been in town this week that we can't mention them all.

Bob Farr and family, Tom Farr and Blantley Moore left Monday for Louisiana, their future home.

President Montague, of Howard College, preached two interesting sermons at the Baptist church Sunday.

A. C. Leonard, of beat 3, was in town Monday, and while here renewed his subscription to the Advocate.

W. E. and J. L. Lovelady, of Dogwood, were in town Tuesday and renewed their subscription to the Advocate.

There will be a Christmas tree at the courthouse on Saturday night, December 24th. Everybody cordially invited.

Miss Ora Scott, who has been attending school here, returned to her home at Leeds Monday to visit relatives during the holidays.

Misses Parilee and Parizeotte Williamson, after spending a few days with friends here, returned to their home at Sycamore Monday.

Teachers examination will be held at the courthouse in Columbiana on January 2, 3 and 4th, 1905, conducted by Supt. J. O. Dorough.

Little Miss Louise Porter, who has been attending the Columbiana Graded School, has gone to her home at Coleanor to spend the holidays.

Miss Louise Reynolds, music teacher in the Columbiana Graded School, left Wednesday for Goodwater to spend the holidays with homefolks.

When you want a pleasant purgative try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and produce no nausea, griping or other disagreeable effect. For sale by Williams Bros.

Misses Clara and Zemma Pitts, who are attending Shorter College at Rome, Ga., will come home Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

We want all of our correspondents to send in their communications so they will reach us not later than Jan. 2nd. We will appreciate your kindness in this matter.

For want of space, the Weldon, Red-lawn, Kingdom and Jackson's Logging communications had to be left out this week; but we are glad to state that we will be in position to publish all communications received after the first of January. Send in your communications after next week.

Several of the boys who have been attending the Columbiana Graded School, returned to their homes Sunday to spend Christmas, among them were, Walter Lucas, James Broadhead, Lewis Sessions, Joseph Sessions and James Lacey, the boys all live near Montevallo.

BE QUICK.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Williams Bros.

WANTED—To buy a 1100 to 1300 pound mule; must be medium age and all right in every particular. S. W. EADLE, Longview, Ala.

CHRISTMAS! XMAS!

SANTA CLAUS! A GOOD TIME!

THIS IS WHAT WE WANT EVERYBODY TO HAVE AND WE are going to do everything possible to accomplish this end.

We Have Just Received the Largest Stock of Holiday Goods Ever Brought

TO THIS MARKET

We have Toys in Abundance for the Little Folks, and Beautiful Presents for You to give Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Sweetheart and all. We now have this Beautiful Line of Goods Displayed and cordially invite YOU to COME and let US SHOW them to YOU. It will be a pleasure to us and we will make it a profit to you.

AS FOR FRUITS, CANDY, CAKES, CAN GOODS AND HEAVY Groceries, We have one of the Best Assorted Stocks in the County, and are prepared to offer you Special Inducements on Everything We Handle.

We Also Carry A Beautiful Line of Stationery, Blank Books, and School Supplies.

Wishing One and All a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year,

WE REMAIN YOUR FRIENDS.

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J. K. BROCKMAN, General Manager, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

W. J. HORSLEY, Local Manager, Columbiana, Alabama.

In Memory of Mrs. Tude Ray.

On the 16th inst. at two o'clock, the death angel came to Mr. Allen Ray's and carried his loving companion to her heavenly home above. She was born July 9th, 1871, aged 33 years, 5 months and 7 days. She was married to Mr. Allen Ray 14 years, 11 months and 1 day. She joined the church at Liberty at the age of 17, and had lived a devoted christian ever since; she was ever loyal to her church, at her post at any and all times. She leaves a husband and five little children, father, mother, brothers and sisters, and a host of friends to mourn after her. The evening before her death she called her husband, little children, father, mother, brothers, sisters and all that was in the house around her bedside and told them that she was ready to go and told them good-bye and seemed to want to tell everybody good-bye. Dear husband, children, father, mother, brothers, sisters and friends, weep not, for God doeth all things well; for she is asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep from which none ever wakes to weep.

She was a loving wife and mother, and was loved by all who knew her. Christians suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of God; and Mrs. Tude Ray was one of His children.

A FRIEND.

T. A. Leathers, Division Agent for the Mutual Life Industrial Association of Georgia, informs us that he wrote 14 applications in two days at Saginaw a few days ago. This is a strong institution and a cheap way to insure. Every farmer in Shelby county should join this Association.

RECTOR OF ST. LUKE'S.

Ashburnham, Ontario, Testifies to the Good Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Ashburnham, Ont., April 18, 1902.—I think it fairly safe to say that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy.

Respectfully yours, E. A. LANGEFELD, M. A., Rector of St. Luke's Church, To Chamberlain Medicine Co.

This remedy is for sale by Williams Bros.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of December, 1904.

C. E. SEALE, Mortgagee.

By Shugart & Bell, Attorneys.

THE NORTH-EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTH-EAST 1/4, AND THE SOUTH-EAST 1/4 OF THE NORTH-EAST 1/4, SECTION TEN (10) TOWNSHIP TWENTY-FOUR (24) RANGE THIRTEEN (13) EAST, BEING IN ALL EIGHTY (80) ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA. Said property being sold for payment of the debt and cost of foreclosure, as provided in said mortgage.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of December, 1904.

C. E. SEALE, Mortgagee.

By Shugart & Bell, Attorneys.

KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS

WITH Dr. King's New Discovery

FOR CONSUMPTION, COUGHS AND COLDS

Price 50c & \$1.00 Free Trial.

Surest and Quickest Cure for all THROAT AND LUNG TROUBLES, OR MONEY BACK.

Sheriff's Sale.

Whereas an attachment was issued out of the Circuit Court of Shelby County, Alabama, on the 1st day of June, 1904, at the suit of E. C. Parker, Plaintiff, against M. F. Comer, Defendant, and was placed in my hands for levy; and whereas, I did, on the 8th day of June, 1904, levy said attachment upon the hereinafter described lands of said defendant, and did make return of same to said Court; and whereas, said E. C. Parker, plaintiff, did, on the 8th day of October, 1904, recover a judgment upon said attachment suit against said M. F. Comer, defendant, in said Circuit Court; and whereas, said Court, did, on the 8th day of October, 1904, order, adjudge and decree that a writ of venditione exponas issue for the sale of said real estate to satisfy said judgment; and whereas the Clerk of said Court, did, on the 5th day of December, 1904, issue said writ of venditione exponas commanding me to sell the hereinafter described lands:

Now therefore, under and by virtue of said writ, so issued, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell in front of the Court House door, in the town of Columbiana, on the 9th day of January, 1905, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit: The North half of Section one, Township twenty two, Range 2 West, containing three hundred and twenty acres, more or less, situated in Shelby County, Alabama, so levied upon by said writ of attachment, as the property of the said M. F. Comer, to satisfy, said judgment, and said writ of venditione exponas in my hands in favor of said E. C. Parker.

This 6th day of December, 1904.

R. F. COX, Sheriff.

Commissioner's Sale.

In pursuance of and in accordance with the terms and directions of a commission issued and addressed to the undersigned by the Hon. A. P. Longshore, Judge of Probate Court of Shelby county, bearing date the 14th day of November, 1904, I will proceed to sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at public auction in front of the court house door of said county, in Columbiana, Ala., on Monday, the 29th day of December, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described real estate, to-wit:

The Northwest 1/4 of northwest 1/4, Sec. 35, Tp. 13, Range 1 east, northeast 1/4 of northeast 1/4, Sec. 34, Tp. 13, Range 1 east; southeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4, Sec. 27, Tp. 19, Range 1 east.

The said land is to be sold under the decree of said court for the purpose of a division between and among the several joint owners thereof, who are as follows, to-wit: George R. Baker, Clinton Baker, William D. Baker, James A. Baker, Martha C. Baker, Bertha A. Lawley, William L. Teague, James A. Teague, Alonzo M. Teague, John W. Teague, Melissa A. Teague, Archie M. Richards, Mandie E. Teague, Mary D. Riley, Eula Perry, Houston Richards, Gustus Richards, Rozie Roach, James Roach, John Roach, George Roach, Houston Roach, Charles K. Roach, Martha M. Yates, Mary J. Sewell, James Platt, Warren Lawley and William E. Baker.

H. M. NORRIS,

Dec. 8-3t, Commissioner.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

For Christmas Holidays, the Southern Railway will sell tickets from all stations at the very low rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on December 23, 24, 25 and 31, 1904 and January 1, 1905, limited returning January 4, 1905.

STUDENTS RATES.

Tickets will also be sold to students of schools and colleges, upon presentation of certificates signed by Principals or Presidents thereof, December 17 to 24 inclusive, with final limit January 8th, 1905.

For full information and tickets, apply to any agent of the Southern Railway.

J. N. Harrison, District Passenger Agent.

R. B. Creagh, Traveling Passenger Agent.

Birmingham, Alabama.

The only way to keep reform from curdling is not to use it.

HOPE FOR THE SICK.



MRS. HENRIETTA A. S. MARSH.

Mrs. Henrietta A. S. Marsh, 769 W. 10th St., Los Angeles, Cal., President Woman's Benevolent Ass'n, writes:

"I suffered with la grippe for seven weeks, and nothing I could do or take helped me until I tried Peruna."

"I felt at once that I had at last secured the right medicine and I kept steadily improving. Within three weeks I was fully restored, and I am glad that I gave that truly great remedy a trial. I will never be without it again."

In a letter dated August 31, 1904, Mrs. Marsh says: "I have never yet heard the efficacy of Peruna questioned. We still use it. I traveled through Kentucky and Tennessee three years ago, where I found Peruna doing its good work. Much of it is being used here also."

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PREVENT TEETH FROM DECAY!

Old Time Magazine.

A complete set of the Pennsylvania magazine for the years of 1775 and 1776, edited by Thomas Payne and containing one of the earliest prints ever published of the battle of Bunker Hill, has just been sold at auction for \$200.

Conditions Unchanged.

London.—Conditions at Port Arthur remain unchanged. The Japs have the upper hand and are encircling themselves in safe and comfortable quarters.

The hands of a clock are always in front, yet they may be behind time.

FITS permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve-Healer. \$2.00 bottle and treatise free. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ltd., 381 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

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I do not believe Pils' Cure for Consumption has any equal for coughs and colds.—J. J. Pils, 1100 N. 1st St., St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 15, 1904.

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He cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion a case of Gonorrhea. Sold at all druggists, \$1. Mail orders promptly filled by Dr. E. Dethlefsen, Gravelandville, Ind.

Governor Ferguson, of Oklahoma, has been immortalized by an epigram.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on box. 25c.

Paris, like London, is deserting the theatres for the music halls.

LUMINOUS EXCURSION RATES via the Southern Railway. For Christmas holidays the Southern Railway will sell tickets from all stations at the very low rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on December 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1904, and January 1st, 1905, limited returning January 4th, 1905. Single tickets, \$1.00. Round trip tickets, \$1.50. Sold to students of schools and colleges, upon presentation of a certificate signed by principals or Presidents thereof, December 17th to 25th, inclusive, with final limit January 31st, 1905. For full information and tickets apply to any agent of the Southern Railway, J. N. Harrison, District Passenger Agent, Birmingham, Ala.

Too Much for Him.

A bachelor one day set the table in his hall abode with plates for himself and an imaginary wife and five children. He then sat down to dine, and as he helped himself to food he put the same quantity on each of the other plates and surveyed the prospect, at the same time computing the cost. He is still a bachelor.

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"My experience with signs," says Farmer Singletree, "is that in general they're either misleading or superior. When I was to the exhibition I see signs readin'. Look out for pickpockets! After a few days' track with 'em I came to the conclusion that they was fully able to look out for themselves."—Cleveland Leader.

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Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Druggists will refund money if Pazo Ointment fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

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LOW RATES TO TEXAS. A. G. S. R. R. \$15.00 one way from Birmingham, Ala. to all points in Texas east of and including Dallas, Amarillo, Fort Worth, Dallas, Brownwood, Brady, San Angelo, Waco, San Antonio, Houston, Galveston, Corpus Christi, Rockport, Alice and Kerrville. Dates of sale: Dec. 13 and 17. Twelve hours quickest time. Train leave 12:25 a. m. For further information call on or write A. B. Freeman, Traveling Passenger Agent, R. R. Station, City Passenger Agent, 3025 First Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

SUNSET SONG.

Is it a dream? The day is done,
The long, warm, fragrant summer day;
Afar beyond the hills, the sun
In purple splendor sinks away.
The freely lights her floating spark
While here and there the first large stars
Look out, impatient for the dark;
The cows stand waiting by the bars;
A group of children saunters by
Toward home, with laugh and sportive word.
One pausing, as she hears the high
Soft prelude of an unseen bird—
"Sweet—sweet—sweet—sorrowful—
Sorrowful—sorrowful—sorrowful!"

Down from immeasurable heights
The clear notes drop like crystal rain—
The echo of all lost delights,
All youth's high hopes, all hidden pain,
All love's soft music, heard no more
But dreamed of and remembered long—
Ah, how can mortal bird outpour
Such human heartbreak in a song?
What can he know of lonely years,
Of dolls only raised to fall,
Of broken faith and secret tears?
And yet his song repeats them all—
"Sweet—sweet—sweet—sorrowful—
Sorrowful—sorrowful—sorrowful!"
—Elizabeth Akers.

Sing Me to Sleep

HE little fishing village lay enwrapped in a gloomy mist. Over the sea it hung like a gray curtain, but in the village it was dark and purple, giving thick velvet outlines to the hedges and leading to the houses unaccustomed shapes.

But there was one man in Keston who did not see the fog or feel its moisture. David Greet swung open the door of his house and looked out; but the cloudy street might not have existed for all the impression it made upon his brain. After a few seconds of that dull stare he pulled the door roughly to behind him and strode down the street.

The sound of his footsteps fell sharply in the silence. The fishers were all in, so were the laboring people. Each tiny house turned upon the darkness a little yellow eye of light. That eye looked askance at any person foolish enough to leave a comfortable home on such a night; for its glance did not travel far. The fog covered it with an eyelid of dusky gloom.

Keston might have lain in the glare of the sunlight for all the difference it made to David Greet, but the fog was more in accord with his mood. With a sure foot he traversed streets and turned corners. When he found the house he wanted he paused just a moment at the door. That was not the pance of hesitation. On the man's dark face no wavering showed itself, only a dull foreboding. His lips moved as if he were formulating some speech of which he wished to make himself word certain before entering. Finally he turned the handle of the door and entered.

The first footstep took him into the lighted room in the house, for the front door gave upon it.

It was occupied by two women—once, slight and bent as a withered bough, looked up from the fire and the compound she was stirring to greet the tall figure in the doorway; the other did not raise her head from the work at which she sewed.

She was quite a young woman, tall rather than otherwise, dark skinned and dark eyed. About her was a regal air that seemed to fill the small room and dwarf all it contained.

The man's gaze was upon her, but she showed no consciousness of the fact. She went on sewing, sewing, pulling the needle out with a deliberate movement that in some subtle way spoke of nerves all awry.

Then lips moved, and again the needle went in and out, and his only reply. After a pause, "She says she is not going back to you," said Jane Greet unwillingly.

"She has said that to me, too," said David Greet; "that is to say, she has written it. She wrote it in a hard, cruel letter, which she left for me to read when I came in."

In spite of himself his voice shook. He paused for a moment to steady it. "I shall not believe that letter, Margot. It was unworthy of you. I shall not believe that you mean to do anything so cruel and wicked!" The word came out with a jerk. "Margot, I am waiting to take you home."

She would not answer.

With a quick stride he crossed the room. "By God, you shall speak to me!" he cried. "I am not a dog that I do not deserve a word—though you are not a woman, but a stone, or you would not sit there and refuse to utter it! Speak—are you or are you not coming home?"

Without raising her eyes, "I am not coming," said Margot Greet.

These were her only words; she could not be induced to speak again.

Jane Greet went with her son out, side the door.

"She will come round, lad, she will come round," she said.

He shook his head, his face hardening. "You do not know Margot. If she says she will not come, she will never come," he said.

The old woman caught his arm. "What was it all about? You were foolish to cross her. You knew her, you say; you might have known better than to set her contrary like this."

David turned away, breathing heavily. "There's the weakness of strength and the weakness of weakness," he said. "You can give in to a woman because you're stronger than her, and that's the way I went about

"That's finished with," said she; yet the sewing was not nearly done.

Afterward she put on her hat and the shawl which she usually put over her head when she ran out she crossed upon her arm. She cast one look round the little room and toward the staircase where Jane had disappeared. Then she opened the door and went into the street.

That was curiously quiet, and there was a fog; it was but one short year since Margot had quarreled with her husband and gone away.

She found her way through the streets and round the corners just as surely as he had done; but she was not unconscious of the way she wound. The consciousness of that shook her through and through, and would have shaken her still more had she but had a heart left with which to feel.

David's pane made a little disk of light, which greeted her kindly, yet it hurt, for it reminded her of the yellow gold in her breast.

But he was singing, this time in the light; and she paused to hear:

Sing me to sleep, and let me rest,
In all the world I loved you best;
Nothing is faithful, nothing is true
To Heaven or earth but God and you.

It was not true, that song of David's; she had not been true to him, or faithful; but she would be so now. Tears came into her eyes, and as they ran down her cheeks something broke in her breast and melted away.

David's light smiled kindly at her as she opened the door and stepped into it, leaving the fog and gloom.

"David," she said simply—Agnes G. Herbertson, in Black and White.

"Don'ts" in House Decoration.

A New Orleans woman who has gone in for house decorating—a field, by the way, which seems peculiarly adapted to women, although comparatively few women adopt it—has been offering some suggestions relative to the house beautiful. Among other things she says:

"A woman of Empire type of feature should never choose a mediæval background, or a man with a pork-packing face insist on a Louis Seize library. They will be unhappy and not show to advantage, and never realize the reason why."

"The important things to be considered in decorating a room are: 'What it is to be used for.' 'Size.' 'How lighted.' 'Who the people are that will occupy it.'"

"There are 'don'ts' in house decoration as well as in everything else. 'Don't put a dark paper on the walls of a badly lighted room.' 'Don't fill to overflowing with bric-a-brac and furniture a room of small size.'"

"If you own your home, have your book shelves built to the walls. They are cleaner, cheaper, and last, but not least, more artistic."—Massachusetts Ploughman.

By the Beard of the Prophet.

A new form of oath was administered in Special Sessions yesterday, when two Arabs were before Justice Wyatt, one on a charge of assault and the other as complainant. Clerk Fuller was about to administer the regular oath when the defendant exclaimed:

"He's an infidel and he would swear my life away. Don't swear him that way."

"It's the usual form," remarked Justice Wyatt.

"Well, he's got to swear by the Prophet, that's the only oath we recognize."

An interpreter then administered the Mohammedan oath, as follows:

"I swear by the beard of the Prophet, by the Kaaba, by the black stone and the virtue of my harem to tell the truth, all the truth and only the truth."

The defendant beamed with satisfaction. "He'll tell the truth sure now," he said.

After the examination the defendant was discharged.

"Didn't I tell you?" he remarked to the Court.—New York Sun.

Preserving Flowers.

"Professor Constantine Gregory, of Naples, has invented a new chemical process for the preservation of flowers and foliage," says the Scientific American. "When the professor submitted the results of his first experiments to the Neapolitan Institute for the Advancement of Science, a few weeks ago, the association, after carefully examining them, requested the preservation of some plants which they described, and which in their opinion presented the greatest difficulties owing to their peculiar nature. The professor completed the trial set before him, and he has presented some splendid examples of begonia and orchid leaves which here a remarkably natural appearance. In recognition of this work he has been awarded the silver medal of the institute. The professor is now engaged upon the extension of his invention to fungi, and in the event of his achieving success he will be presented with the society's gold medal."

A Little Free With the Judge.

Congressman Bankhead, of Alabama, has a weakness for gambling stories. One that he tells is of a time when a spasmodic attempt was being made to drive gamblers out of Mobile. A witness was on the stand testifying for the defense, it being well known that the Judge was a skillful poker player. The witness talked of "going blind," "raising," "passing" and so on, and finally his honor said gravely: "Mr. Jackson, you are using a good many of what I presume are technical terms. Will you be good enough to explain some of them?" The witness, with equal gravity, replied: "I shall be pleased to do so, your honor, if you will kindly let me have your poker deck for a few moments."—Kansas City Journal.

Word Tricks.

Behad and curtail a word meaning situated in the East, and leave a dower. Behad and curtail trust-worthy, and leave to corrode. Behad and curtail tests, and leave the top covering of a building. Behad and curtail desired eagerly, and leave a church steeple. Behad and curtail guard, and leave an adverb of manner.—New York World.

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Whose orders never cease,
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The business has its home;
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The factory runs all day long,
A most inspiring sight;
The heavy shipments mainly leave
By six o'clock at night.

It's been established just four years,
Of strikes is not afraid,
Stomachs never does it meet,
And loyal is its trade.

The owner, drummer, worker, all
Are found in one small mill;
When Mabel perches on my knee
And tries to sell a kiss.
—McLanburgh Wilson, in New York Sun.



Jingles and Jests.

"Well," said Mr. Stuytplate for the tenth time, "I must be going." "Oh, no; I assure you you're quite stationary," replied Miss Patience Gonne.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The shopper loves the future,
The future which is high.
We mean the shopping season—
The sweet, sweet, busy and happy.
—Philadelphia Press.

Missus—"Mary, I am sure I heard that man kiss you in the kitchen last evening." Maid—"Yes, marm; I suppose you know that kisses that are kissed out loud ain't worth speaking about."

Superintendent—"There doesn't seem to be any sale for that line of crepes. Nobody appears to want 'em." Proprietor—"Mark 'em up twenty-five cents a yard and put 'em on the bargain counter."

Softleigh—"When I—aw—awsked her foh her hand in marriage her bwthal father thwethened to—aw—bwin me, doncher know." Miss Cutting—"That's just like her father. He always was fond of a joke."—Chicago Daily News.

He rode on an openwork car,
And though he rode not very far,
I got in his work.
And his work was not very jerk.
—Indianapolis News.

Diffident Customer—"Beg pardon, sir, but are you the proprietor of this store?" Masterful Man—"No, sir; I am not the proprietor; I'm a floorwalker." Diffident Customer—"I hope you'll pardon me; I assure you I meant no offence."—Boston Transcript.

"Say, old fellow, I'm in a big rush with this. Won't you take the girl's place at the typewriter while she goes to lunch?" "But I don't know this keyboard." "Oh, that'll be all right. This is an Illinois-French-Canadian dialect poem I'm working on."—Judge.

Roxley (coldly): "And what are your prospects, may I ask?" Jack Hanson—"Pardon me, sir. I merely love your daughter, have not been so mercenary as to look you up in Broadway, and, therefore, I cannot answer your question."—Philadelphia Press.

Mrs. Greener—"Henry, I think you said you were to pass the evening with a sick friend?" Mr. Greener—"Yes, Lover." Mrs. Greener—"Very unselfish in you, Henry; but don't you think your friend uses too much powder? Look at the shoulder of your coat?" Mr. Greener—"Oh, yes—guess it must be cigar ashes." Mrs. Greener—"Do you usually smoke violet-scented cigars, Mr. G.?"

Generous in His Day.

Judge Sanderson, who is practising law in Everett, Wash., is recalled in Success as having formerly lived in Kantland, Ind., the boyhood home of George Ade, the humorist.

"Ade was a peculiar character in his younger years," says the Judge. "He made my office a sort of loafing place during the little time he spent in loafing. He was employed on a farm owned by a banker. One day he walked into the office and said to me: 'That man is the best I ever worked for.'"

"Why?" I asked, for I knew that something funny was coming from Ade.

"Well," he replied, "he doesn't ask a man to do a day's work in ten hours—he gives him sixteen."

"As a boy we didn't suppose that Ade would amount to much," continued the Judge, "though his drollery was always amusing."

Obsidian.

Obsidian or volcanic glass, as it is sometimes called, is a stone of glass-like appearance and of volcanic origin. It is most abundant in Mexico, where it was extensively used by the Aztecs in making mirrors, knives, razors, arrowheads, spearheads, etc.

It is also found in limited quantities west of the Rocky Mountains, but as yet has never been discovered on the eastern side, although arrowheads made from it have been found in Ohio, which must have been transported by the aborigines at least 1500 miles. Obsidian has both black and smoky tints. It contains seventy per cent. of silica, and is thus very hard and flint-like.—American Naturalist.

How a Minister Sailed.

When our first foreign minister ranged to go to London he was questioned by the captain of the sailing vessel in New York Harbor to aboard immediately, according to writer in Success. Hastily buying sack of flour, three hams and a bag of potatoes, he hurried on board ship, arranged with some sailor to cook meals, not knowing but that they might sail at any hour. Five weeks passed before the boat left the harbor. After six weeks at sea the traveler at length beheld the outlines of the coast of old England.



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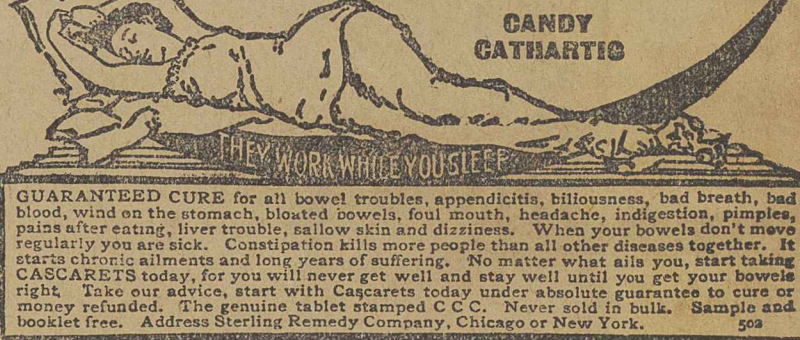
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"I certainly think that every woman ought to try this grand medicine, for it would prove its worth. Yours very truly, Miss ELISE DANFORTH, 208 De Soto St., Memphis, Tenn."

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